

Fair Britain thus in stately Pomp appears:
Her Might and Majesty the World reveres.

From Pole to Pole She hears her Acts resound,
And rules an Empire by no Ocean bound.

THE
British Monarchy:
Or, a New
Chorographical Description
Of all the Dominions
Subject to the King of GREAT BRITAIN.

Comprehending

The British Isles, — *The Electoral States,*
The American Colonies, — *The African & Indian Settlem.ts*

And enlarging more particularly on

The respective Counties of ENGLAND *and* WALES.

With MAPS of each COUNTY in a New Taste,
And the Principal Roads as a Guide to the Traveller.

To which is Added

Full and Exact LISTS *of the* Navy *the* Army *the* Officers *of* State *the* Revenue *and* Justice; *with all the* Salaries *as fixd both by* Civil *and* Military *Establishments.*

The Whole

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INTRODUCTION.

It has been obſerved, that Mankind in general are not more diſtinguiſhed by Reaſon *from the Brute Creation, than one Man is diſtinguiſhed from another in Proportion to his* Neglect *or* Cultivation *of that Reaſon by the* Liberal Arts. *Among the firſt and moſt neceſſary of Theſe has* GEOGRAPHY *been always reckoned, without ſome Tincture of which, all our Ideas of remote Tranſactions, Events, Productions, or whatever falls not under the Cognizance of our Senſes, muſt be ever* confuſed *and* imperfect. *And yet, (ſtrange to reflect on!) how few have acquired* This, *even in that Part of it only which moſt nearly concerns them, the* CHOROGRAPHY *of their own Country?*

To remedy, in ſome Meaſure, a Defect ſo obvious,

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and to promote a Study at once so advantageous and easy, the present Work is designedly calculated: That by recommending Principles of useful Knowledge with all the Beauties of Penmanship, and Embellishments of Picture, the most Incurious, and especially Young Persons, may be allured to inform their Judgments, and to furnish their Memories with such Particulars as must be of Service to them ever after: In a Word, to fit them for the best Conversation, and give them a necessary Superiority in such Company as have neglected the same Improvements.

Of the Foreign Dominions, and even of the more remote Members of the British Islands, our Accounts will be very concise, and yet we hope sufficiently comprehensive. SOUTH BRITAIN, the Seat of Wealth, Plenty, Arts, Popularity, and Government, deserves our more particular Notice. Here, besides our General Description of this noble Spot, we shall lay down, from the best Authorities, the Situation, Boundaries, Circumference, and Area of each County; the Number of Cities, Market-Towns, Corporations, Boroughs, Representatives in Parliament, Villages, Hundreds, Parishes, Rectories, Houses, and supposed Inhabitants it contains, with

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with the proportionate Share they pay to the Land-Tax; the Diocese it lies in, the Titles it gives, the chief Commodities and Manufactures it affords, the Circuit it belongs to, and the Distance and Bearing, of each Capital from London: Also, an Account of the Air, Soil, Rivers, and Curiosities, &c. with a yet more particular Survey of the Great Metropolis, and the Two Universities.

This, with what we have specified in the Title, may give a pretty full and just Idea of our Design, which we hope will be favourably received by the Public.





THE British Monarchy.

The Dominions of the present King of Great Britain, if we consider them as to Extent of Territory, Fertility of Soil, Number and Genius of the Inhabitants, Productions and Manufactures, Riches and Commerce; with other Advantages of Nature and Industry; are not, perhaps, second to any upon the whole Face of the known Globe. In several of these Particulars they may be excell'd by some one Empire, but in others they are equall'd by none; and upon the Whole, not surpass'd by the most boasted Monarchy.

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As King of Great Britain his Majesty reigns in all the four Parts of the hitherto discover'd World: In Europe he has the two chief Islands, with an infinite Number of others dependent on them: In Asia and Africa he has Forts and Settlements, for the Conveniency and Protection of Trade; and in America he has vast Tracts of Continent, well peopled and improved, besides several Island Plantations, equally profitable to the Crown and to the Subject. As Elector he has all the Sovereignties of the Lunenburg Branch of the Family of Brunswick, to which his late Majesty added the Dutchies of Bremen and Ferden.

His Crown, from Time immemorial, and by the Courtesy of Princes, has been called Imperial, and claims rank at least next to that of France. And tho' his Electorate, as the last erected, is the ninth in Order, in Strength and Revenue it is not at the most behind more than four of those Sovereignties.

The Predominant Religion in all these Dominions is in general Protestantism, tho' under various Denominations. Episcopacy prevails in England, Ireland, and some of the Plantations; Presbytery in Scotland, and New England; Quakerism in Pensylvania; and Lutheranism in the Electoral States. Neither of these is however without Mixture, not only of one another, but of Popery, and even Judaism.

In the British Dominions the Government is limited; the King having only a Part of the Legislative Power, and enjoying the Executive under certain Restrictions: But over his natural-born Subjects his Authority is absolute, like that of most other German Princes.

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A MAP of the King of GREAT BRITAI

N. B. All those Settlements, &c.

HUDSON'S BAY

Port Nelson

Fort Louis

Fr. Aspert

Polar Circle

Straits of Bell I.

Cape de Grat

THE GREAT BANK

New England

Pensylvania

New York

Virginia

Boston

Port Royal

New Foundland

Port St. John

Placentia

Cape Britton

THE LITTLE BANK

Sable I.

Long I.

Cape Cod

Cape Ledge

Cape May

Cape Charles

Chesapeake Bay

Cape Henry

Carolina

Georgia

Charles Town

River May

GULF OF FLORIDA

Bahome I.

BAHAMA ISLANDS

Bermudas or Summer Islands

CUBA

Jamaica I.

Port Royal

St. Jago

HISPANIOLA

Tropick of Cancer

Anguilla I.

St. Christophers

Barbuda

Antego

Nevis I.

Monserat I.

CARIBE

Dominica

St. Lucia I.

St. Vincent I.

I. Barbados

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GUIANA

To his
most sacred Ma
GEORGE
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Is most humb
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By his Majesty
most obedient Subj
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The Equator or the Line

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IN'S Dominions in Europe, Africa, *and* America.

Countries, Islands, Forts, and
which are in the Round-hand
Character, belong to the
King.

FERRO I.
SETLAND I.
Orkney I.
DENMARK
The Electoral States
Hanover
GERMANY
Scotland
England
Western I.
Ireland
Calais
FRANCE
MINORCA I.
Port Mahon
PORTUGAL
SPAIN
Gibraltar
STRAITS OF GIBRALTER
KINGDOM OF FEZ.
BARBARY
AZORES I.
MADEIRA I.
CANARY I.
Tropick of Cancer
NEGROLAND
CAPE VERD ISLES
GUINEA
GOLD COAST
Vimbo
Anamabo
Cape Corse Castle
Cape Corse
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The First Meridian
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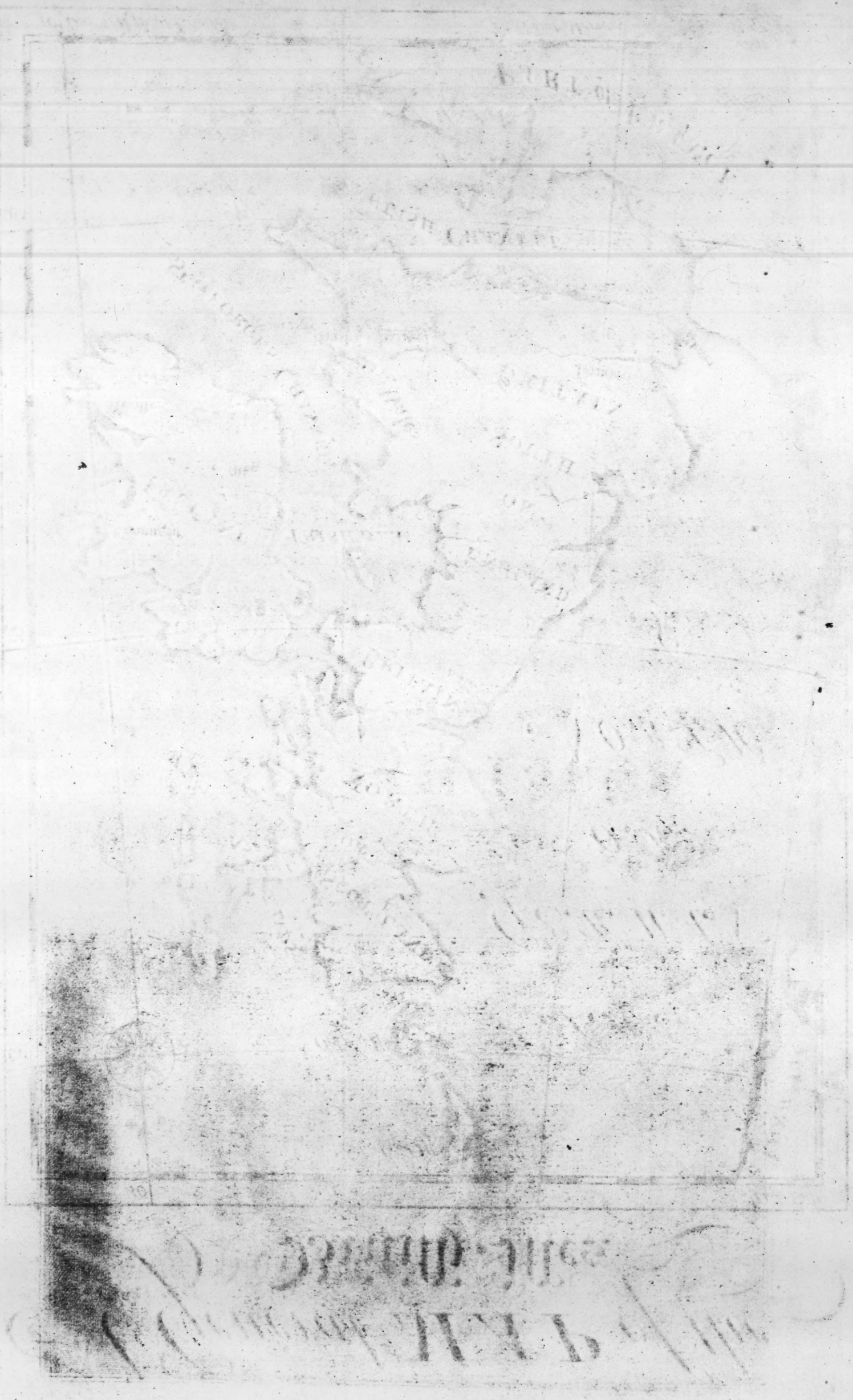
Tho' the Scale we are obliged to make use of on this Occasion be exceedingly Contracted, we thought it proper to exhibit in one View all that was possible of these Dominions, leaving out only the Settlements in Asia, which would have reduced our Scale yet considerably more. In this Map, by the Parallels of Longitude and Latitude, which we have laid down upon a Globular Projection, the First Meridian passing by ye Canary Isles, ye Readers will see the Bearings and Distances of these Countries from each other, and from all that lie between or confine upon them, and form some proportionate Idea of their respective Dimentions.

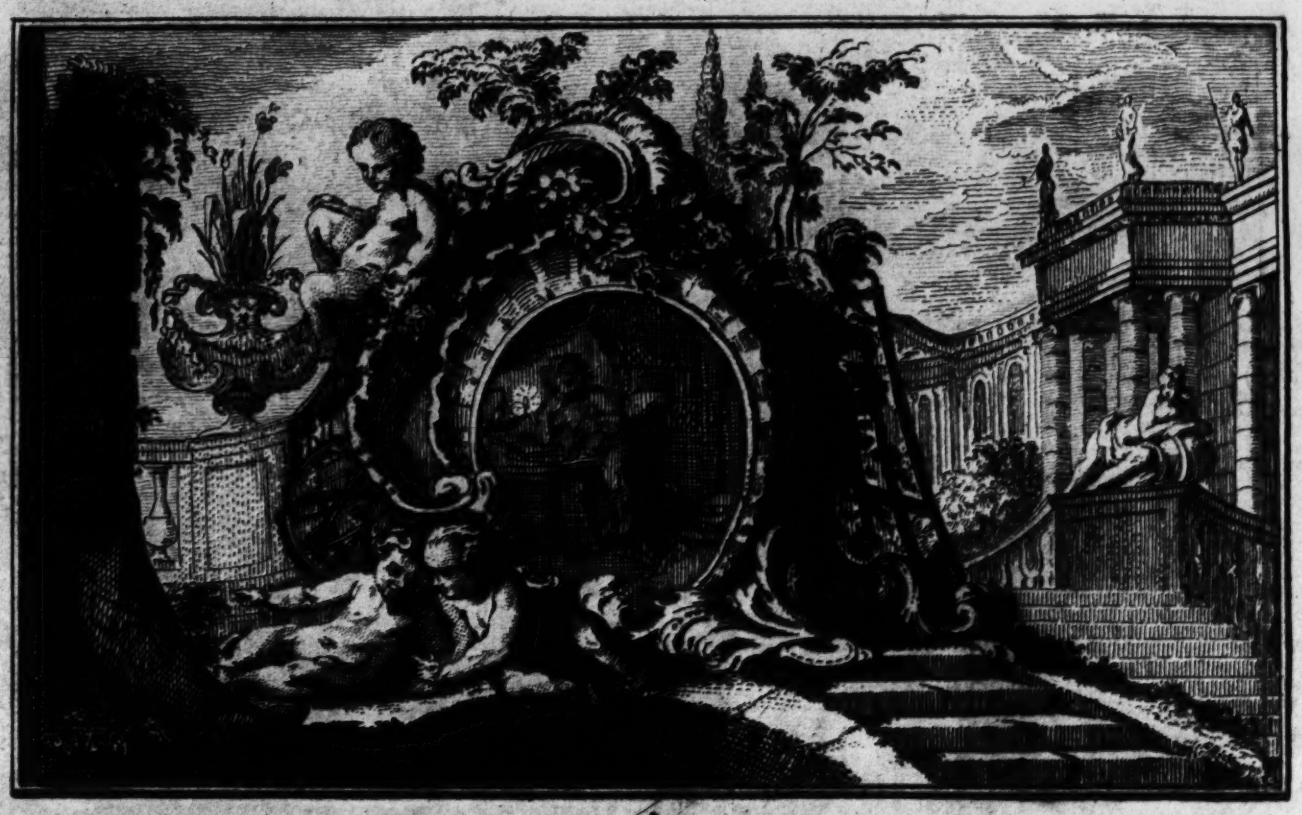
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A General MAP of the British Isles.





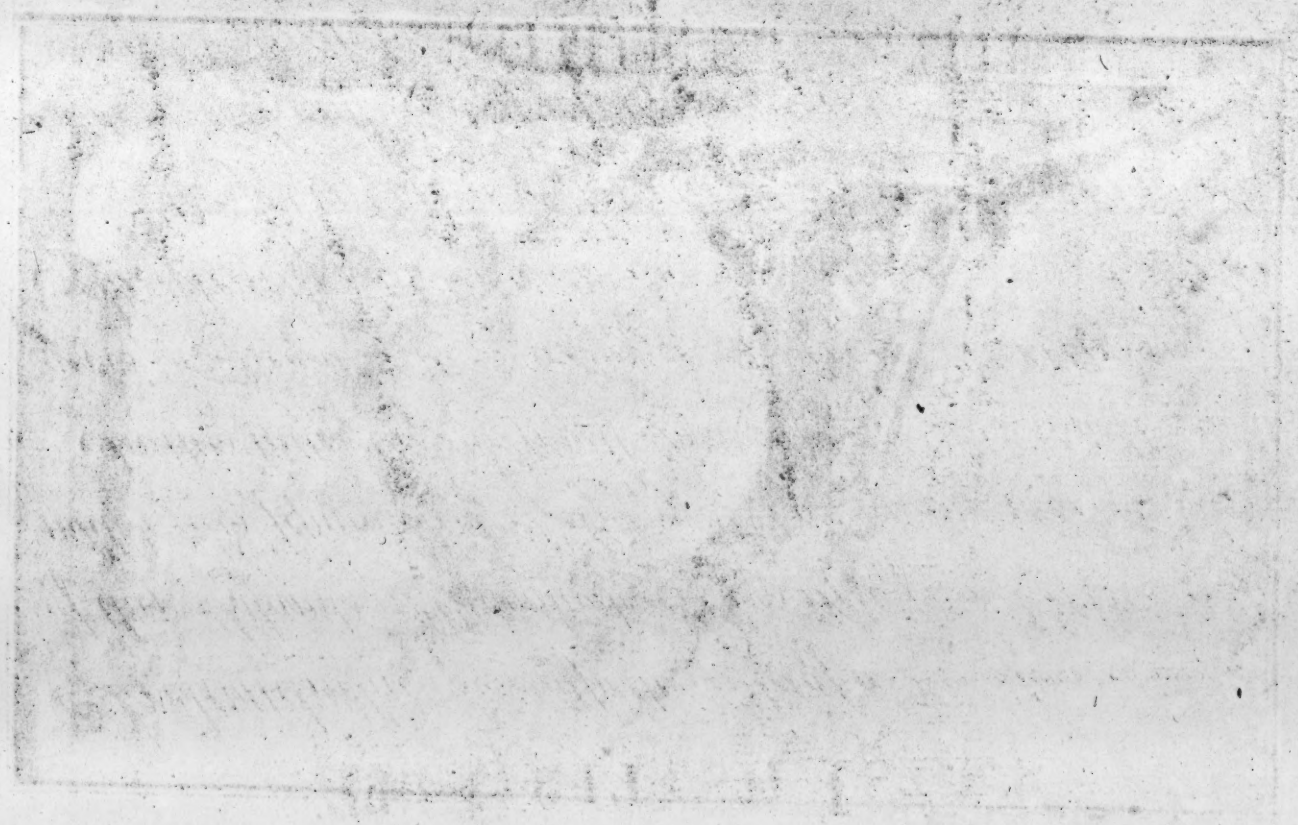


A General Description of the BRITISH ISLES.

The British *Isles lie extended in the vast* Atlantic *or Western Ocean, between the 50.th and 60.th Degrees of North Latitude, and from about the 7.th to the 19.th Degree Eastward from the First Meridian. On the East they are divided from* Norway, Denmark, Germany, *& the* Netherlands, *by the German or North Sea: The English Channel divides them on the South from* France; *and on the South West, West and North, the Ocean surrounds them without Distinction of Name.*

Great Britain, *the largest not of these Islands only, but of all the Islands in* Europe, *gives denomination to all the Rest. It contained antiently the two Kingdoms of* England *and* Scotland, *and the Principality of* Wales. *But these are all now united, and have both their Sovereign and Senate in common, tho' not without some Difference of Customs, & Language, that no way affect the general Constitution.*

Ireland,



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Ireland, which has also the Title of a Kingdom, is the second of these Islands in Magnitude. It lies West from *Britain*, from which it is separated by S.t George's Channel and the Irish Sea.

In this latter lies the small Island of *Man*, that likewise gives the Regal Title to a Subject of *Great Britain*, and *Anglesey*, which is reckoned among the Counties of *Wales*.

The *Hebrides*, or *Western Islands*, lie North of *Ireland*, and West of *Scotland*; in Number upwards of 40.

The *Orcades*, or *Orkney Islands* (to which some add *Schetland*) are above 30, & are the most Northerly of all ỹ British Dominions. The *Sorlings*, or *Scilly Islands*, are many in Number; but none of them considerable; they lie to the West of the Lands End of *England*. To the South of *Hampshire* lies the Isle of *Wight*, esteemed a part of that County. Further yet to the Southward, and on the Coast of *Normandy*, we have *Jersey*, *Guernsey*, and *Alderney*, which are indeed rather the Residues of the Antient Dutchy of *Normandy*, than Members of the *British Isles*. And to these we may add *Minorca*, in the Mediterranean Sea, as it makes at present a part of the *British Monarchy Proper*, and is provided for as such in the Annual Supplies.

The Superficial Contents of all these Countries, according to the best Authorities, is 105,634 Square Miles; of which *England*, including *Wales*, contains 49,450; *Scotland*, with the Isles around it, 27,794; *Ireland*, 27,457; and the other Isles 933 Miles. If we compare this Extent of Territory with that of other Nations, we shall find it exceed that of the *United Provinces* above ten times; *Portugal*, near four times; *Italy*, near one third;

Switzerland,

Switzerland, with its Allies, almost nine times: That Spain exceeds it about one third; France, including the Aquisitions, near as much; Germany, above two fifths; and that Poland, with Lithuania, is above one half bigger.

As to the Number of Inhabitance, the most modern and probable Computations make them amount to ten Millions and a half; whereof eight Millions are allotted to South Britain, the Metropolis alone containing near one; one Million and a half to North Britain, and her Isles; and one Million to Ireland.

By comparing the British Monarchy in this Article with other Nations, we shall perhaps better conceive her proportionate Strength than by only measuring her Surface of Territory. And in this Respect if France exceeds her about one third; Spain falls below her a full half, and is not much more than one fifth part as populous.

Her Quantity of Shipping (another Great Proof of her Importance) was towards the End of the last Century, according to Sir William Petty, two to one against Spain and Portugal united, and against France no less than five to one. If this proportion hath since received some little Variation to the advantage of France, in the Mercantile Branch, we are more than ever superior not to France only, but even to Holland, the other Maritime Power, in Ships of War, the Bulwark and Strength of the British Empire.

The Name of Great Britain, formerly known, but long in Disuse, was complaisantly revived upon the Accession of King James the First, and established at the Union under Queen Anne.

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That Princess was the last, as King James was the first of the House of Stuart that reigned over the whole Island.

Their Family had, indeed, for many Generations, been Sovereigns of Scotland; during which time the Plantagenets and Tudors reigned in England; two Races of Monarchs that began, the one in Henry the second, and the other in Henry the seventh, and ended, the former in Richard the third, and the latter in Queen Elizabeth.

Ireland was an Acquisition of Henry the second, who was called over thither upon a Difference among her Princes. It was however in no great Subjection till the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, and not totally Subdued but by Oliver Cromwell.

The Government in both Kingdoms consists of the three Estates, King, Lords, and Commons. In Ireland the Royal Person is represented by a Viceroy, called the Lord Lieutenant. He is usually appointed for three Years: But the same Nobleman has often, latterly, been continued for three Years longer.

We shall begin with the Description of this subordinate Kingdom, as the most natural Method of pursuing our Design.



A Map of Ireland,

Divided into the Provinces and Counties.



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A Deſcription of IRELAND.

Ireland is bounded on the East by St. George's Channel and the Irish Sea, which divide it from Great Britain; North of it, at a conſiderable Diſtance, lie the Western Iſlands of Scotland; and to the West and South it is ſurrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, which extends between the two vaſt Continents of the terraqueous Globe.

In length, from Fair-Head in the North to Miſen-head in the South, Ireland is near 280 Miles; in breadth, from Heath-head near Dublin to Dogs-head in Galway, about 170 Miles. It lies between 5 Degrees 35 Minutes and 10 Degrees 20 Minutes Weſt Longitude from London, and between 51 Degrees 15 Minutes and 55 Degrees 18 Minutes North latitude. The chief City, Dublin, is reckoned about 270 Miles north weſt from London: Its Latitude 53 Degrees 20 Minutes, Longitude 6 Degrees 25 Minutes.

We have in this Kingdom four large Provinces, each of them ſub-divided into its reſpective Counties, and containing pretty near an equal

Part

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Part of the whole. For in Ulster, the Northern Province, are computed 7,200 Iquare Miles; in Leinster, the Eastern Province, 6,072; in Connaught, the Western Province, 6,120; and in Munster, the Iouthern Province, 8,065: Which Numbers, added together, amount to 27,457, which we before gave as the Superficial Contents of this Island.

In the Province of Ulster are the Counties of Dunagal, or Tyrconnel, chief Town Dunagal; Londonderry, or Colerain, chief Town Londonderry; Antrim, chief Town Antrim, some say Carrickfergus; Tyrone, chief Town Dungannon; Down, chief Town Down-Patrick or perhaps Dromore; Fermanagh, chief Town Inniskilling; Monaghan, chief Town Monaghan; Ardmagh, chief Town Ardmagh; and Cavan, chief Town also of the same Name. Londonderry is the Capital of the whole Province.

Leinster contains the Counties of Longford, chief Town Longford; West-Meath, chief Town Mullingar; East-Meath, chief Town Trim; Louth, chief Town Drogheda; Kildare, chief Town Kildare; Dublin, chief Town Dublin, the Capital both of the Province and of ye Kingdom; King's County, chief Town Philipstown; Queen's County, chief Town Maryborough; Wicklow, chief Town Wicklow; Catherlagh, chief Town Catherlagh; Kilkenny, chief Town Kilkenny; and Wexford, chief Town likewise of the same Denomination.

Connaught is thus subdivided: The County of Mayo, chief Town Mayo, or more justly Killala; Slego, chief Town Slego; Letrim, chief Town Letrim; Galway, chief Town Galway; which is also the Capital of the Province; and Roscomon, chief Town accounted Roscomon, tho' Athlone be a place of much more Importance. Some reckon Clare County to be in this Province, as they ascribe Louth to Ulster. But we

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follow the moſt modern and exact Diviſion. It may be here remarked, that Connaught is the moſt thinly peopled Part of Ireland, as Leinſter is the moſt populous; becauſe the former lies farthest remote from, as the latter lies nearest to, the Sovereign Iſland of Great Britain.

Munſter is divided into the following Counties: Clare, or Thomond, chief Town Ennis, near which is Clare-abbey that gives Name to the County; Limerick, chief Town Limerick; Tipperary, chief Town Clonmel; Kerry, chief Town Dingle; Corke, chief Town Corke; and Waterford, chief Town alſo Waterford, which is uſually called the Capital of the whole Province: But perhaps, at this Day, both Limerick and Corke might diſpute with it this pre-eminence.

Each of the Counties of Ireland is again ſubdivided into Baronies, as thoſe of England are into Hundreds, and Wapentakes: And as to the Eccleſiaſtical Diviſion, there is in every Province an Archbiſhop, with a certain Number of Suffragans. In Ulſter, the Archbiſhop of Ardmagh has under him five Biſhops, and is called the Lord Primate of all Ireland: In Leinſter, the Archbiſhop of Dublin has three inferior Biſhops, and the Title of Primate of Ireland: In Connaught we have the Archbiſhop of Tuam, who has five Suffragans; and in Munſter the Archbiſhop of Caſhell, who has the ſame Number. Neither of theſe Places, except Dublin, which has a Univerſity, and is a large, populous, trading City, is now conſiderable for any thing but its Archiepiſcopal Title. There are in Ireland many Proteſtant Diſſenters, and more Papiſts, tho' the Hierarchy of the Church of England be the National Eſtabliſhment.

The Air of this Kingdom, on account of the many Lakes and Bogs, is more groſs and impure than that of Great Britain under the ſame Parallel; which expoſes the Inhabitants, in many parts, to frequent Fluxes and Rheums. The Soil is exceedingly fertile, but generally more proper

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for Paſture than Tillage. For this reaſon the Iriſh feed a prodigious Number of Sheep, whoſe Woold is ſaid to be even preferable to that of England. They alſo raiſe and manufacture large Quantities of Hemp and Flax, and of late Years equal the Dutch in the goodneſs of their Linen, which they export in great Abundance. Their other principal Commodities are Butter, Cheeſe, Tallow, Hides, Honey, Wax, pickled Salmon, pipe Staves, &c. To which we may too juſtly add unwrought Woold, tho' it be ſtrickly Prohibited, for the uſe of the French Manufactories at Abbeville and elſewhere.

The principal Rivers of Ireland are four, the Shannon, which runs South and ſouth weſt into the Ocean; the Blackwater, whoſe courſe is eaſt and ſouth eaſt; the Barrow and the Sure, which unite their Waters. The three laſt fall into St. George's Channel, towards the bottom: And to theſe we may add the Boyne, made famous by the Victory obtained on its banks by King William. The principal Lakes are Lough Neagh, famous for its petrifying Quality, and Lough Dirg, in the Days of Superſtition, called St. Patrick's Purgatory. Other Curioſities are, the Giants Cauſey, projecting far into the Sea on the North of the Iſland, and not determined whether a Work of Nature or of Art; ſeveral Spaw, and mineral Waters; and ſurpriſing Foſſils, lying deep under ground, and reſembling Trees, the Horns of Beaſts, and other ſuperficial Productions.

The Peers of Ireland are at preſent 131; 22 Spiritual, and 109 Temporal. The Houſe of Commons elected like ours by the Counties, Cities, and Boroughs, conſiſts of 298 Members. The Courts of Juſtice at Dublin have the ſame Names, Forms, and Officers as at Weſtminſter: And in general, the Government is an exact Copy of ours, except that the Lords have been deprived of their power of hearing Appeals.

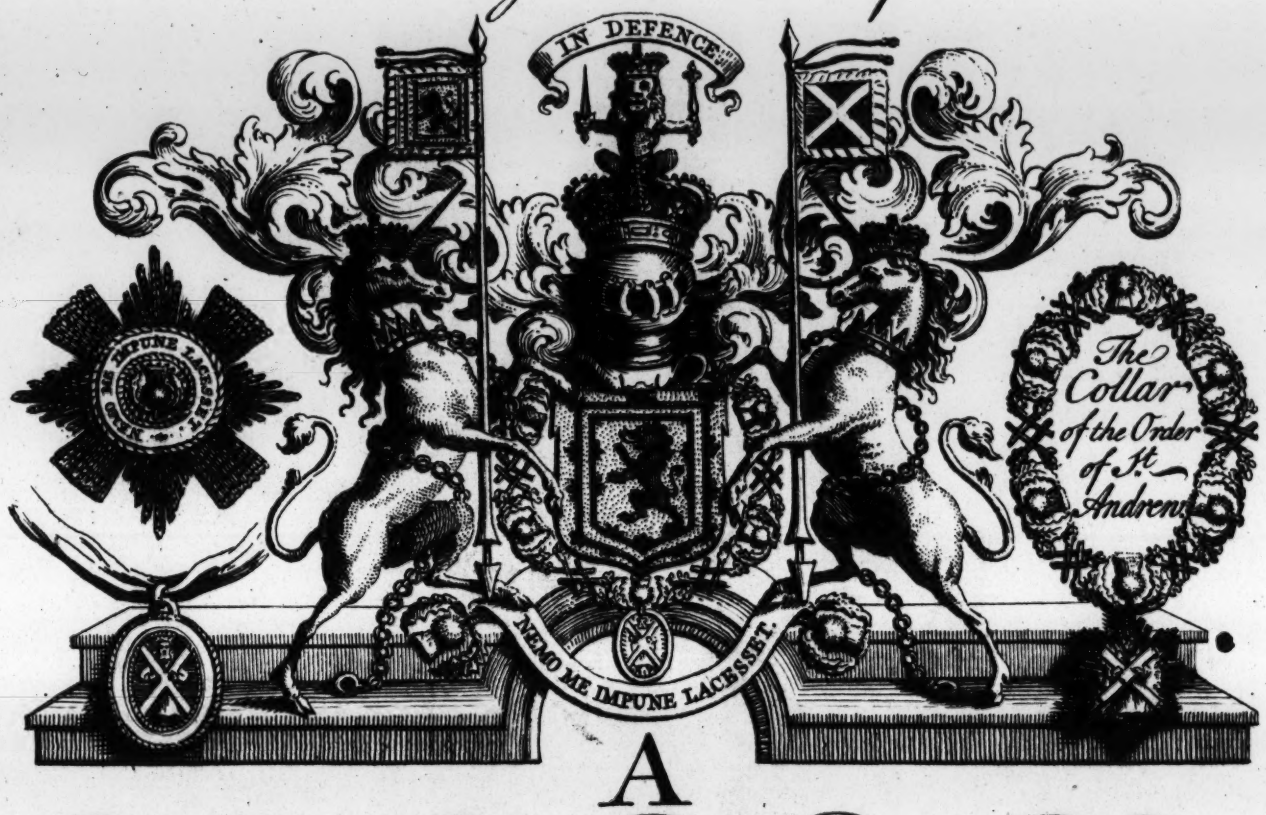
A Map of the North Part Of GREAT BRITAIN, called SCOTLAND.



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The Antient Royal Arms of Scotland.



A Description of Scotland.

Scotland since the Union called North Britain, is bounded on the East by the German, by some called the British, and by others the North Sea, which divides it from Denmark and Norway; on the North it has the Northern or Deucalidonian Ocean, in which lie the Islands of Orkney, Faro, & Schetland: On the West the Atlantic Ocean, interspersed nearly with the Western Islands, separates it from that part of North America called by us New-Britain, and by the French, Terre de Laboureur; and on the South the Irish Sea, the Firth of Solway, the Rivers Eske and Tweed, and the Chiviot Hills are its several Boundaries.

The Length of this part of Great Britain, from Faro-head in the North to the Mull of Gallonway in the South, is 320 English Miles; and the Breadth, from Bucan Ness in the East to Ard-na-

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murchan Point in the West, about 190 of the same Miles. If we take in the Isles, as some Geographers have done, it has a much larger Extent. For by this latter Computation, it extends from 1 Degree 25 Minutes to near 9 Degrees West Longitude from London, and from 54 Degrees 35 Minutes to above 60 Degrees North Latitude; whereas the Main Land is included between 54 Degrees 35 Minutes and 59 Degrees 20 Minutes of Latitude, and between 1 Degree 25 Minutes and 6 Degrees 15 Minutes of Longitude. Edinburgh, the chief City, is 305 English Miles North by West from London; and in Latitude, according to the exactest Observations, 55 Degrees 58 Minutes.

Scotland is generally divided into North and South by the River Tay, or into the Highlands and Lowlands from the Face of the Country, and the Manners of the People. The great Number of Isles, and the uncertainty of the Divisions, would make it tedious to give the superficial Contents of each Part; and the Contents of the whole has been already mentioned. The Counties, or, as they are here commonly called, Shires, with their Capitals, may be thus enumerated.

Caithness, the most North-easterly, & Strath Navern, the most North-westerly Shires, have for their chief Towns Wick and Tung. In Sutherland we have Dornock, and in Cromarty a Capital of the same Name. Ross has Tain; Inverness, Inverness; Lochaber, Innerlochy; Badenoch, Ruthvan. The three latter, with the Island of Skye, are sometimes included under the general Name of Inverness. Perth is thus subdivided into Perth, Menteith, Stormount, Strathern, Athol and Broadalbin,

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Broadalbin; chief Towns Perth, Dumblain, Dunkel, Drumond, and Blair. The Shire of Merns has Dunnoter-Castle; Aberdeen, Bamf, and Nairn, Capitals of the same Denomination, and Murray affords us Elgin.

More Southerly the Divisions are not always better disinguished. In Argile Shire, besides the part properly so called, we have the County of Lorn, the Isles of Mull, Ila, Arran, Jura, Bute, and the Peninsula of Cantire; Towns, Inverary, Dunstafage, Dovard, Dunnigvag, Brodich, &c. In the Shire of Air we have Cunningham, Kyle, & Carrick; chief Towns Air, and Irvin. In Barwick Shire, we have Mers and Lauderdale; Towns, Duns and Lauder; Bervick being a distinct County, and belonging to England. Roxburg has Tiviotdale, Selkirk, Eusdale, & Lidisdale; chief Towns Jedburg, Selkirk, and Hermitage; Dumfries, has Nithisdale and Anandale; chief Towns, Dumfries and Arran; and Gallovay has Wigtoun, and Kircudbright, chief Towns of the same Denomination.

Distinct Shires are Tweedale, chief Town Peebles; Lothian, East, Mid, and West, chief Towns Edinburg, the Capital of ye Kingdom, and Haddington; Clydesdale, chief Town Glascow; Renfrew, chief Town Renfrew; Lenox, chief Town Dumbarton; Sterling, chief Town Sterling; Clackmannan, chief Town Clackmannan; Fife and Kinross, chief Town Cowpar; Angus, chief Town Forfar. Other Denominations, for many of these Divisions, are Sheriffdoms, Stewarties, Bailiaries, and the Constabulary of Haddington, comprehending East Lothian. Principal Islands, not already enumerated, are—

Pomona.

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Pomona or Mainland in the Orkneys, chief Town Kirkwall; the Mainland of Schetland, chief Town Lerwick; Lewis in ỹ West, chief Town Stornway; and the Islands of North and South Vist. The rest are not enough considerable to be mentioned in this Epitome.

Scotland, while it was under Episcopal Government, had two Archbishops, of St. Andrews and Glascow, and twelve inferior Bishops: But at this Day Presbitery is the established Religion, the Aministration of which is in the Hands of a Synod, called the general Assembly, to whom the King nominates a Lord High Commissioner. The Universities are reckoned four: St. Andrews, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Glascow. The Episcoparians, residing in this part of the United Kingdom, are in much the same State as the Protestant Dissenters in England.

The Air of Scotland is generally very pure, and exceeding wholesome; which is known by the great Age of many of the Inhabitants. The Soil, tho' in most places far from fertile when compared with England, does yet produce sufficient for the Necessities of Life. The Seas and Rivers are almost alive, so prodigiously are they stocked with Fish. Salmon, in particular, is here excellent Good, and in surprizing Quantities. In the Mountains are some Mines, and plenty of the best Coals. The Cattle here are small, but in great Numbers. Other Commodities are Linen-Cloth, Tallow, Hides, Honey, Lead, Iron, Train-Oil, coarse Woollens, &c. Their Linen Manufactory, especially, is at present in great perfection, and seems to vie with the Irish before-mentioned. The principal Rivers of Scotland, besides the Esk and the Tweed, which divide it from England,

and

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and run, the former Westward and the latter Eastward, are the Tay & the Spey, which both, after an Eastern Course, fall into the German Sea, and the Clyd, which empties it self in the West, over against the Isle of Bute. The Firths, or Gulphs, are those of Solway, Forth, Tay, Murry, and Dornock; all, except the first, on the Eastern Coast. The Great Indentions made by these, and the Irregularity of this part of our Island's Figure, occasions, that no Spot in all Scotland is above 60 English Miles from the Sea. The Lochs, or Lakes, are here many, as in Ireland; some of them traditionally famous, among the Vulgar, for strange Qualities. Those of Lomond and Ness are the principal. Geographers also mention the Deafstone, and several Remains of Roman Antiquities, as other Curiosities of North Britain.

Scotland was formerly a limited Monarchy, tempered, like that of England, with the Aristo-democracy of a Parliament. After her Kings came to reign in England, a Lord high Commissioner, with the Power of a Vice-roy, used to represent the Royal Person during the Sessions. But since the perfect Union of the two Kingdoms, made in 1707, Scotland sends 45 Commoners and 16 Peers, to represent her two Estates in the Parliament of Westminster. The whole Body of her Peers, who elect these 16, are 151 in Number: But several more of them have likewise Seats in the House of Lords, by their being English Barons. In Civil Affairs, the Administration of Justice in Scotland is lodged with the Lords of Session, in Number 15, one of whom is President. Here is besides a Court of Exchequer, as in England.

A Map of the South Part of Great Britain, Called England and Wales.



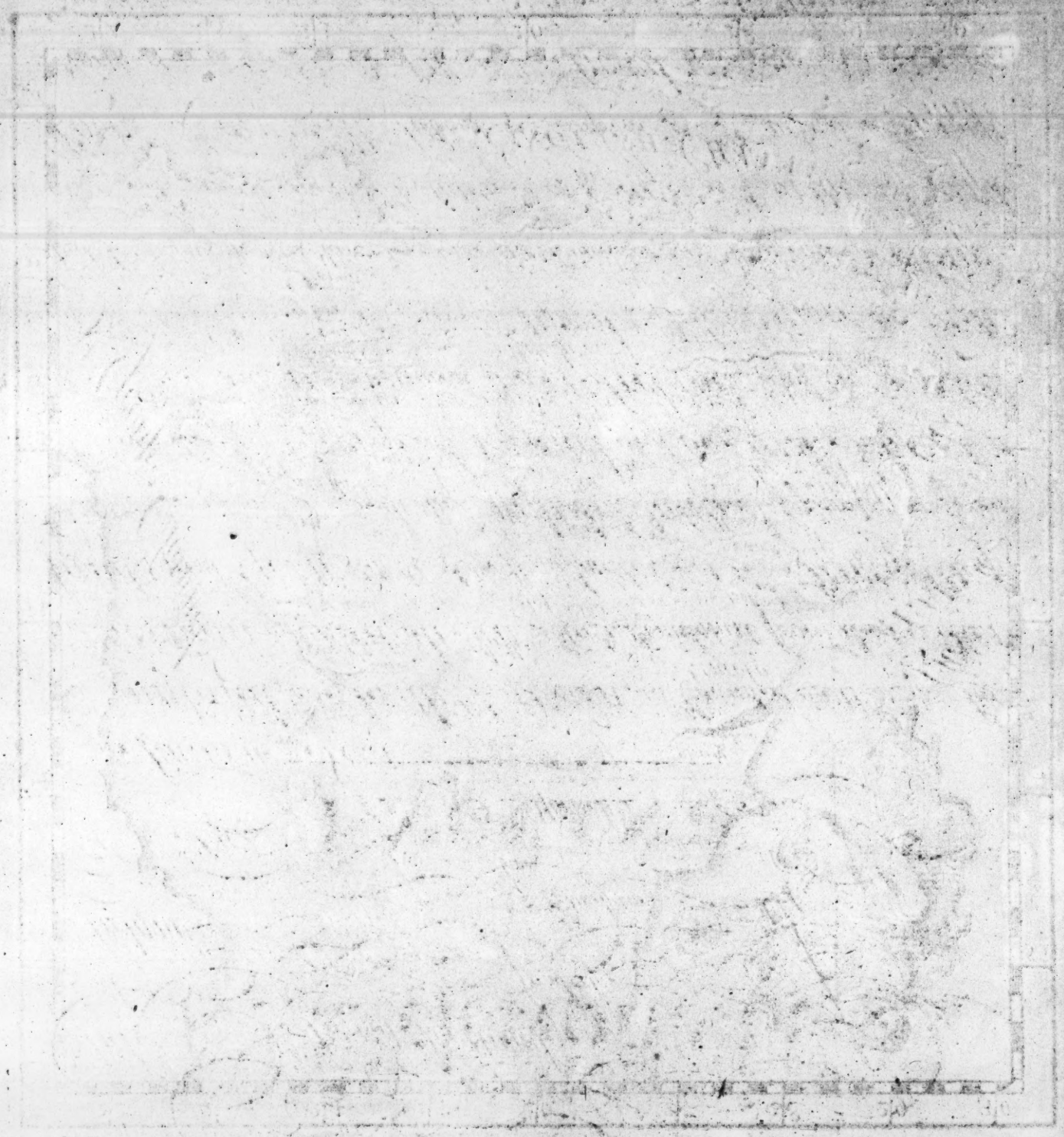
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England, or South Britain, is bounded on the East by the German or British Sea, which divides it from the Netherlands and Germany: On the South East the Streights of Dover, and on the South the English Channel separates it from France: St. George's Channel and the Irish Sea wash it on the West, and flow between it and Ireland; and on the North, where it is narrowest, the Rivers Tweed & Solway, and the Hills that lie between their Heads, make the Boundary between it & Scotland.

The most Southerly Latitude of England, at the Lizard Point in Cornwall, is about 49 Degrees 50 Minutes; and the most Northerly, at the Mouth of the River Tweed 55 Degrees 40 Minutes: The Difference between which is 6 Degrees within 10 Minutes. This makes the whole Length 407 Miles, at the Rate of 69 ½ English

Miles

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to a Degree. Its Breadth from the Land's End in Cornwall, 6 Degrees 10 Minutes West, to the South Foreland in Kent, one Degree 20 Minutes East from London, is ſeven Degrees and a half; which, by the Standard of 38 Miles to a Degree (the true Quantity in this Latitude) makes about 285 Miles. London, the Capital, not of England only, but of all the British Dominions (and for Number of People and Opulence of all Europe) lies in 51 Degrees 31 Minutes of North Latitude. As we make it the primary Point of Longitude, we can only ſpeak of it comparatively in that Particular; and in this Manner we find it 17 Degrees 26 Minutes East of the Meridian commonly drawn thro' the weſt point of the Iſland of Fero; and 2 Degrees 25 Minutes weſt of the Meridian of Paris, which is uſually calculated from by the French Geographers.

The Diviſions of England have been many. The Romans diſtinguiſhed it by Britannia Prima, Britannia Secunda; and Maxima Cæſarienſis. The Limits of theſe are not quite certain, and the Inhabitants of each paſſed under various Denominations. The Saxons, after driving the Antient Natives into the Mountains of Wales and Cornwall, for want of other Enemies, began to divide among themſelves, and by Degrees, between the Years 455 and 582 erected ſeven diſtinct Kingdoms, by the Names of Kent; South Saxons, or Suſſex; East Saxons, or Eſſex; Weſt Saxons, or Weſſex; East Angles, Northumberland, and Mercia. Theſe included, according to the preſent Diviſion; the firſt, the County of Kent only; the ſecond, Suſſex and Surry; the third, Eſſex Middleſex,

and

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and part of Hartfordshire; the fourth, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts, Hants, and Berks; the fifth, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, and the Isle of Ely; the sixth, Lancaster, York, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, and Northumberland; the seventh, and largest, Gloucester, Hereford, Worcester, Warwick, Leicester, Rutland, Northampton, Lincoln, Huntingdon, Bedford, Buckingham, Oxford, Stafford, Derby, Salop, Nottingham, and Chester.

But theſe County Names, tho' we mention them to ſhew the Extent of each Kingdom in the Heptarchy, were not introduced till above four hundred Years after the Erection of the Kingdom of Kent, and near a Century after Egbert, King of Weſsex, united all the Kingdoms into one Monarchy; calling it England; which Name it retain'd without alteration till the Union, when, by way of Diſtinction from Scotland, it was called South Britain.

While the Heptarchy continued, tho' the Kingdoms were all diſtinct, and perpetually at War with each other, ſomething of the Air of a Monarchy prevailed over the whole, the Prince that was moſt Powerful generally treating the Reſt as ſo many Dependents and Tributaries: And as the Conqueror always kept the Dominions he acquired from the Vanquiſhed, it was by this means that they all, at laſt, fell into the Hands of Egbert, about the Year 825. This being one of the moſt remarkable Revolutions our Iſland has undergone, we ſhall take leave here, by way of Ornament, to introduce the Picture of the Prince who effected it.



EGBERT,

KING of the WEST SAXONS,

First Monarch of all ENGLAND.

This Prince was one of the bravest of the Saxon Sovereigns, who were most of them remarkable for their Valour. He had besides the advantage of having been instructed under Charlemagne, King of France, Founder of the German Empire, & the greatest Prince of his Age. Under him he acquired that Art of Politicks, which taught him to take advantage of the Divisions & civil Dissensions of the neighbouring Sovereigns. His Kingdom had been all along one of the most powerful of the Heptarchy; & it so fell out in his Reign, that the Kings of Mercia and Northumberland, the two others of most extensive Command, and of greatest Authority, not being on good Terms with their great Men, could not make against him that Stand, which might have been expected from their manifest Natural Power. Add to

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this, that the Male Iſſue in ſeveral of the Kingdoms had failed, and the Chieftains were divided among themſelves with regard to the Succeſſion.

Upon the whole, Egbert appears to have been a Prince of great Ambition and equal Policy. The latter induced him after his Conqueſts, to allow a ſort of nominal Royalty in ſome of the extinguiſh'd Kingdoms, that he might not be hinder'd by intestine Diſputes, from making head againſt the Danes, who in his Time began their Incurſions upon France and England. Theſe Danes, who by the French were called Normans, ſeem to have been a Mixture of the Northern Nations, and not the People only who inhabited the Country now called Denmark.

We hope to be excuſed for thus far deviating into Hiſtory, upon that Period of Time which gave Name to the Country we are now deſcribing. To proceed then with the Deſcription.

The Church of England, including Wales, is unequally divided into two Archbiſhopricks, otherwiſe called Provinces. The Archbiſhop of Canterbury, who is Primate of ALL England, and the firſt Peer of the Kingdom next to the Princes of the Blood Royal, has under him in England ſeventeen Biſhops, and in Wales four. Both he and the Archbiſhop of York have the Title of Grace, which is not elſe given to any but Dukes. His Grace of York is called Primate of England, but not of ALL England. He takes place next to the Lord high Chancellor, and has under him three Biſhops who are Peers, and one, the

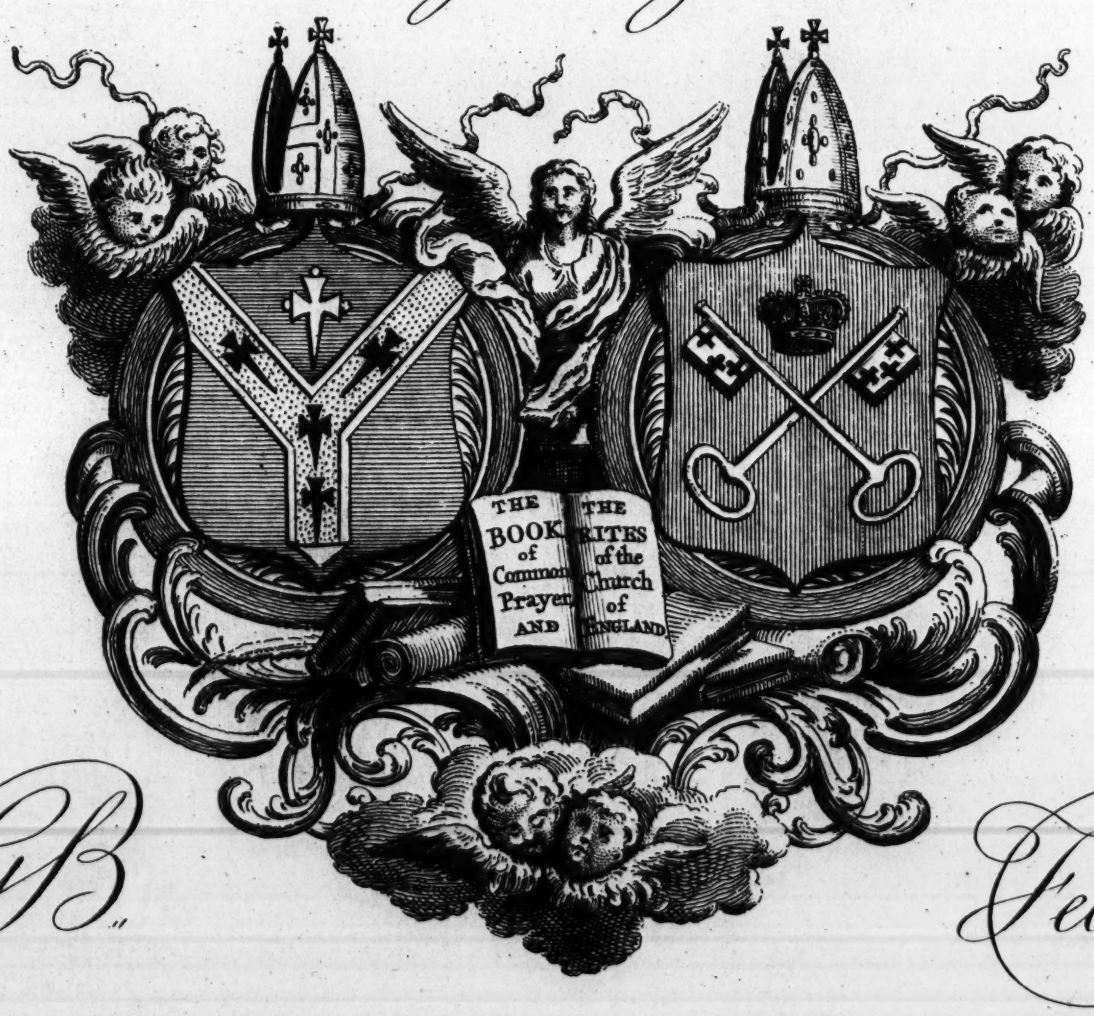
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Bishop of Sodor *and* Man, *who is not so; he being subject to a Subject of* England, *the Lord of* Man, *an Honour now held by the Duke of* Athol. *The Bishop of* London *is next in rank to the Archbishops, and then follow thoſe of* Durham *and* Winchester: *All the rest take place according to the Date of their Consecration.*

It cannot be amiſs to ſubjoin here a Table of the Contents of each Diocese, which will more fully explain the Ecclesiastical Division of England, *and is exhibited in the following Page.*

The Arms of the Archbishopricks of Canterbury and York.



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The Province of Canterbury.

CANTERBURY, *(for its peculiar Diocese)* Contains *Part of* Kent.

ROCHESTER, *the Reſt of* Kent.

LONDON, Eſſex, Middleſex, & *Part of* Hertfordſhire.

CHICHESTER, Suſsex.

WINCHESTER, Hampſhire, Surry, *the* Iſles *of* Wight, Guernſey, *and* Jerſey.

SALISBURY, Wiltſhire, & Berkſhire.

EXETER, Devonſhire, & Cornwall.

BATH and WELLS, Somerſetſhire.

GLOUCESTER, Glouceſterſhire.

WORCESTER, Worceſterſhire, *and Part of* Warwickſhire.

HEREFORD, Herefordſhire, & *Part of* Shropſhire.

LITCHFIELD and COVENTRY, Staffordſhire, Derbyſhire, *and the Reſt of* Warwick & Salop.

LINCOLN, Lincolnſhire, Leiceſterſhire, Huntingdonſhire, Bedfordſhire, Buckinghamſhire, & *the remainder of* Hertfordſhire.

ELY, Cambridgeſhire, *and the* Iſle *of* Ely.

NORWICH, Norfolk *and* Suffolk.

OXFORD, Oxfordſhire.

PETERBOROUGH, Northamptonſhire, *and* Rutlandſhire.

BRISTOL, Dorſetſhire.

These four following are in WALES.

St. DAVIDS, Pembroke, Cardigan, & Carmarthenſhires.

LANDAFF, Glamorgan, Monmouth, *(an Engliſh County)* Brecknock, *and* Radnorſhires.

St. ASAPH, *Moſt of* Flint, *ſome of* Shropſhire, *and* Montgomeryſhire, *and all* Denbighſhire.

BANGOR, Angleſey, Caernarvon, *and Part of* Montgomery.

The Province of York.

YORK *(for its peculiar Diocese)* Contains *Moſt of* Yorkſhire, *and all* Nottinghamſhire.

DURHAM, Durham, Northumberland, *and two Pariſhes in* Cumberland.

CARLILE, *two thirds of both* Cumberland *and* Weſtmorland.

CHESTER, Cheſhire, Lancaſhire, *Part of* Yorkſhire, *Part of* Cumberland *and* Weſtmoreland.

SODOR and MAN, *the* Iſle *of* Man *only.*

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The Juridical Division of England is into six Circuits, called the Western, Oxford, Midland, Northern, Norfolk, and Home Circuit. These the twelve Judges divide among themselves twice every Year, two going each, when they hear and determine Causes both Criminal and Nisi Prius. Wales hath her separate Judges, who have four Circuits in the North and South Province, each containing three Counties. Middlesex and Cheshire are not reduced to the Circuits; the first, because by its Vincinity to London it has Sessions in Common with that Capital; and the second, because being a County Palatine, it has its own respective Judges.

As the Advantage of the surrounding Sea is a security against Enemies, so is it against the violent Colds to which England would be othervise exposed: For the Tides and constant Motion of the Sea send in such a kindly Vapour, as qualifies the sharpness of the Air to such a Degree, that in some Parts of France and Italy the Winters are severer than with us. The Soil, in a great Measure, owes its Fertility to the same Cause, the Vapours nourishing every Vegetable, and furnishing gentle Showers in their proper Seasons. Cornwall, Wales, and some other Parts of South Britain which lie towards the West, are Mountainous, like the Western Parts of Scotland; but the Inner Parts are, generally, a plain Champain Country. There is one remarkable Ridge of Mountains, which runs thro' the whole Island almost from North to South,

which

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which some Writers therefore call the English Apennine.

Mr. Gordon says, that the Excellency of England is best gathered from the Elogies bestowed upon her, both by Ancient and Modern Writers; that She is the Granary of the Western World, the Seat of Ceres; that her Vallies are like Eden, her Hills like Lebanon, her Springs as Pisgah, and her Rivers like Jordan; that She is a Paradise of Pleasure, and the Garden of God. Our Ancestors were indeed so sensible of their own Happiness, that they looked upon Great Britain to be the True Fortunate Island of the Poets.

Without Exaggeration, England has within its self Meat, Drink, Clothing, and Utensils sufficient not only for its Inhabitants, but a great deal also for Exportation. Her chief Commodities of the latter sort are Corn, Cattle, Tin, Copper, Lead, Iron, Timber, Coals, Woold clandestinely, Cloths of ye greatest variety, Stuffs, nrought Silks, Linen, Hides, Tallow, Butter, Cheese, Beer, dried Herrings, &c. Cutlery Ware, Clocks & Watches, and all curious Mechanical Works, in which there is at present no Country in the World can pretend to be her Rival.

The three principal Rivers of England, famous for their Plenty of Fish, but more famous for the extensive Commerce

carried



carried on in their Channels, are the Thames, which falls into the narrow Sea over against Flanders; the Severn, which empties it self Westward into the Bristol Channel; and the Trent, which, after a long Course thro' the Middle of the Kingdom, is lost in the Humber Frith, the Receptacle likewise of many other Waters. Rivers of less note we shall mention in treating of the respective Counties.

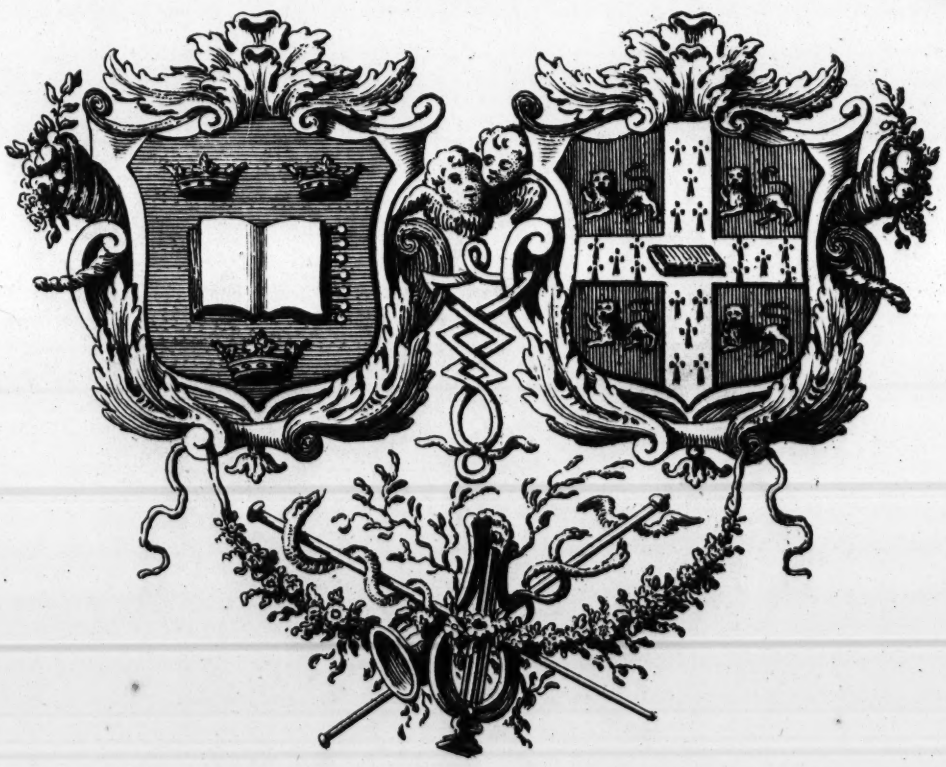
The most remarkable Curiosity in England is Stone Henge on Salisbury Plain, lately proved by D.r Stukely to have been a Temple of the Druids, and perhaps the oldest Piece of Antiquity in this part of y.e World: But of this, and the other Remarkables either for Art or Nature, I shall speak more as I pass thro' each County.

England has two Universities, Oxford & Cambridge, which perhaps for Magnificent Buildings, rich Endowments, ample Priveleges, as well as for Number of Students, Libraries, and learned Men, are hardly equal'd in Christendom. Youth are here educated in the Doctrine of the Church of England, which

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which is professed by the greatest Part of the English Nation: However there are among them, especially in the West, great Numbers of Protestant Dissenters; and the Roman Catholicks, within a few Years past, are thought to be increased to no inconsiderable Party. The English Language, as now refined, is as copious, expressive, & manly a Language as any in Europe.

The Arms of the two Universities of Oxford and Cambridge



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The Temporal Peers of England, exclusive of the 16 Representatives of the Scotiſh Peerage, are 180; with them and the Biſhops, 222. The Commons of South Britain are 513; to whom if we add 45 for the North Part of the Iſland, the whole Number is 558. These two Houſes, with the King, are the Supreme Legiſlature. The Great Officers of State, that precede Dukes, are Nine. 1. The Lord High Steward, at preſent appointed only pro tempore, at a Coronation, the Trial of a Peer; &c. 2. The Lord High Chancellor, who keeps ye Great Seal, and is uſually made the occaſional Lord High Steward: The Lord Keeper's Office is much the ſame as the Chancellor's. 3. The Lord High Treaſurer. No Man has enjoy'd this Place ſince the famous Earl of Oxford, the Buſineſs of it being now excuted by Commiſſioners; the firſt of whom, however, has nearly as much Power as if he were alone. 4. The Lord Preſident of the Council, who propoſes all Buſineſs to that Board, and reports to the King what is done in his Abſence. 5. The Lord Privy Seal, who ſigns Grants, Charters, and Pardons, before they paſs the Great Seal, and hath ſome Buſineſs where his Signature alone is ſufficient. 6. The Lord Great Chamberlain, an Office hereditary in the Noble Family of the Lindſeys, Dukes of Ancaſter. 7. The Lord High Conſtable, created only occaſionally. 8. The Earl Marſhal, hereditary in the Noble Family of the Howards, Dukes of Norfolk,

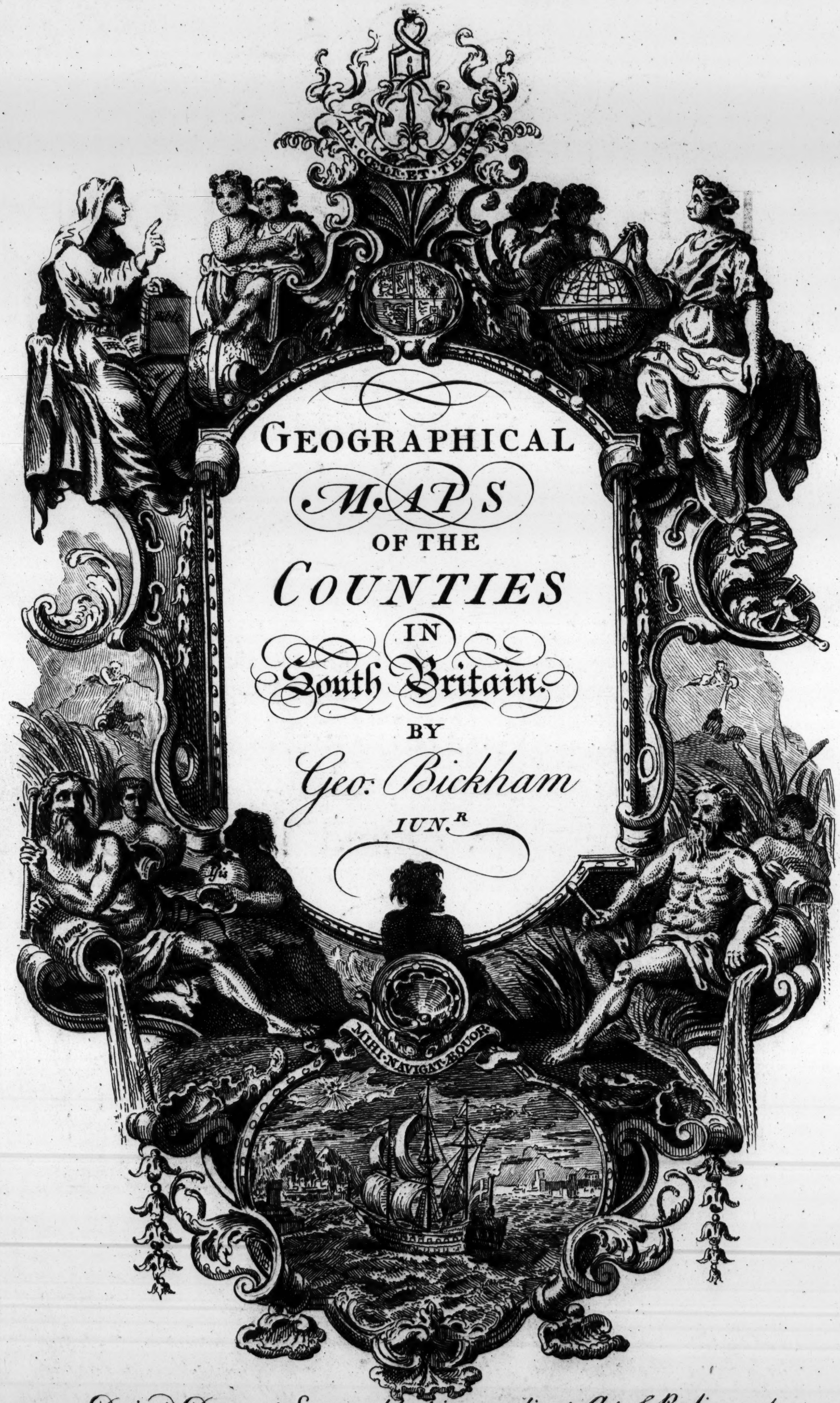
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who, because they cannot officiate, being of the Romish Religion, chuse to act for them a Relation of some Protestant Branch.

9. The Lord High Admiral, whose Office, like that of the Treasurer, has been in Commission ever since the Reign of Queen Anne: The whole Naval Force of the Realm is immediately under his Direction.

As the Lords are the Supreme Court of Judicature, the chief Courts under them are, the Chancery, the King's Bench, the Common Pleas, and the Exchequer. The Lord High Chancellor, the first Temporal Peer in the Kingdom, and Speaker of the House of Lords, presides in the first, assisted by a Master of the Rolls, and eleven other Masters: The Business of his Court is Equity only. The Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, each having a Lord Chief and three other Justices, are for the Common Law: The Exchequer, whose Judges are a Chief and three other Barons, may take Cognisance both of Law and Equity. In the latter Case, the Barons sometimes call in the Chancellor of the Exchequer.



GEOGRAPHICAL *MAPS* OF THE *COUNTIES* IN South Britain.

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A DESCRIPTION of the several COUNTIES In SOUTH BRITAIN;

Containing,

ENGLAND and WALES.



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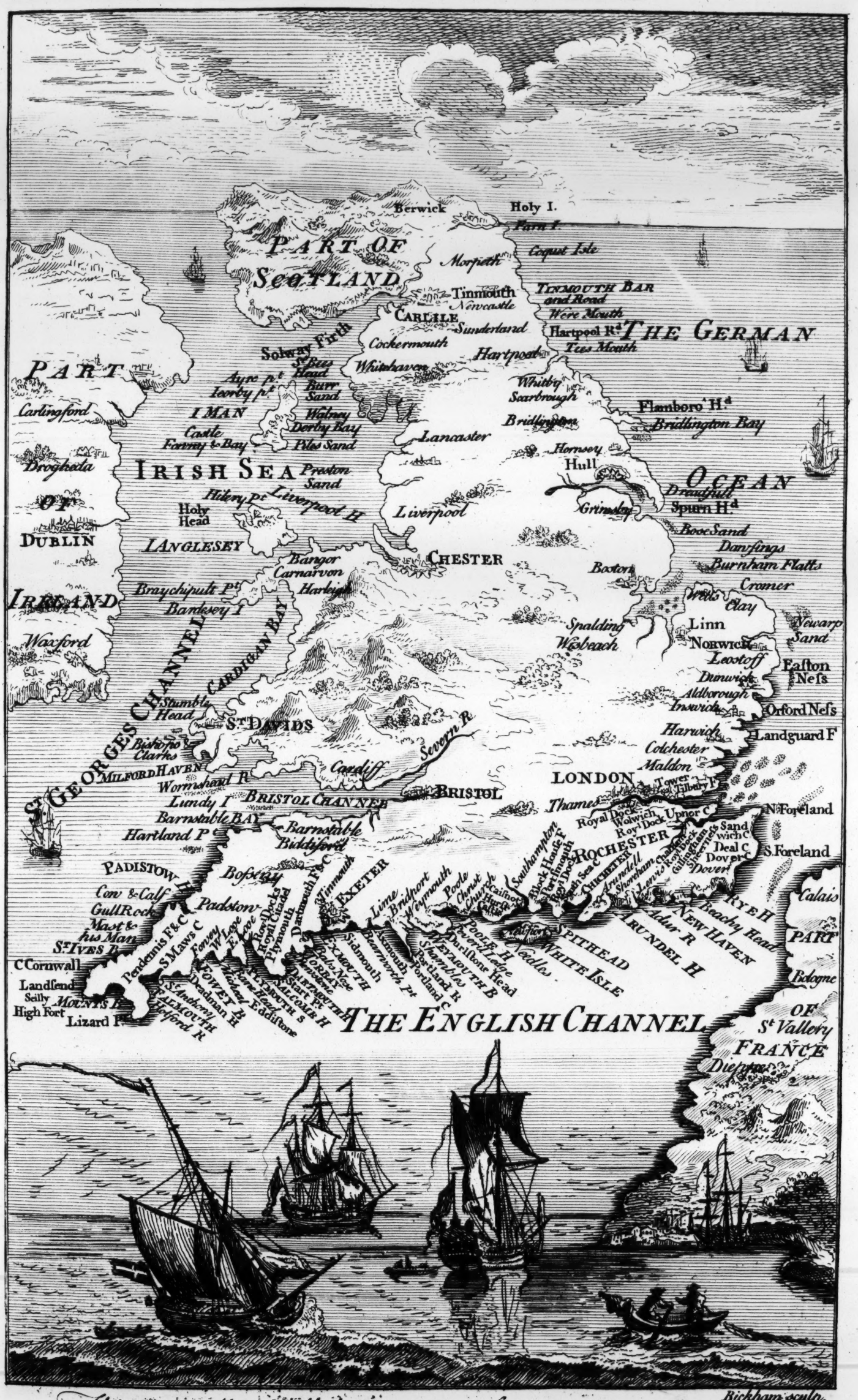
In the several Descriptions of the Counties of England that have been hitherto published, we have observed that two Methods have been followed by different Authors: The one, to place them Alphabetically, without Regard to their Situation; and the other, to follow the Order of their Situation, without Regard to the Alphabet, beginning in the South West & continuing to the South East, & so taking them, as they lie in Lines, quite up to the North.—

We were advised to follow the latter of these Methods, as much the most Natural. A near similitude of Soil, Produce, and Manners may be expected, & will be usually found in Countries that lie Contiguous, which will all gradually change as we proceed: But to leap at once from Northamptonshire to Northumberland, Or, which is much farther, from Cornwall to Cumberland, as we must in the Alphabetical Way, is to be continually carrying the Reader into a New World, in order, perhaps, to bring him back again the next Page.

We might mention, that Moll's County Maps run in our Order.

A Chart of the Sea Coast.

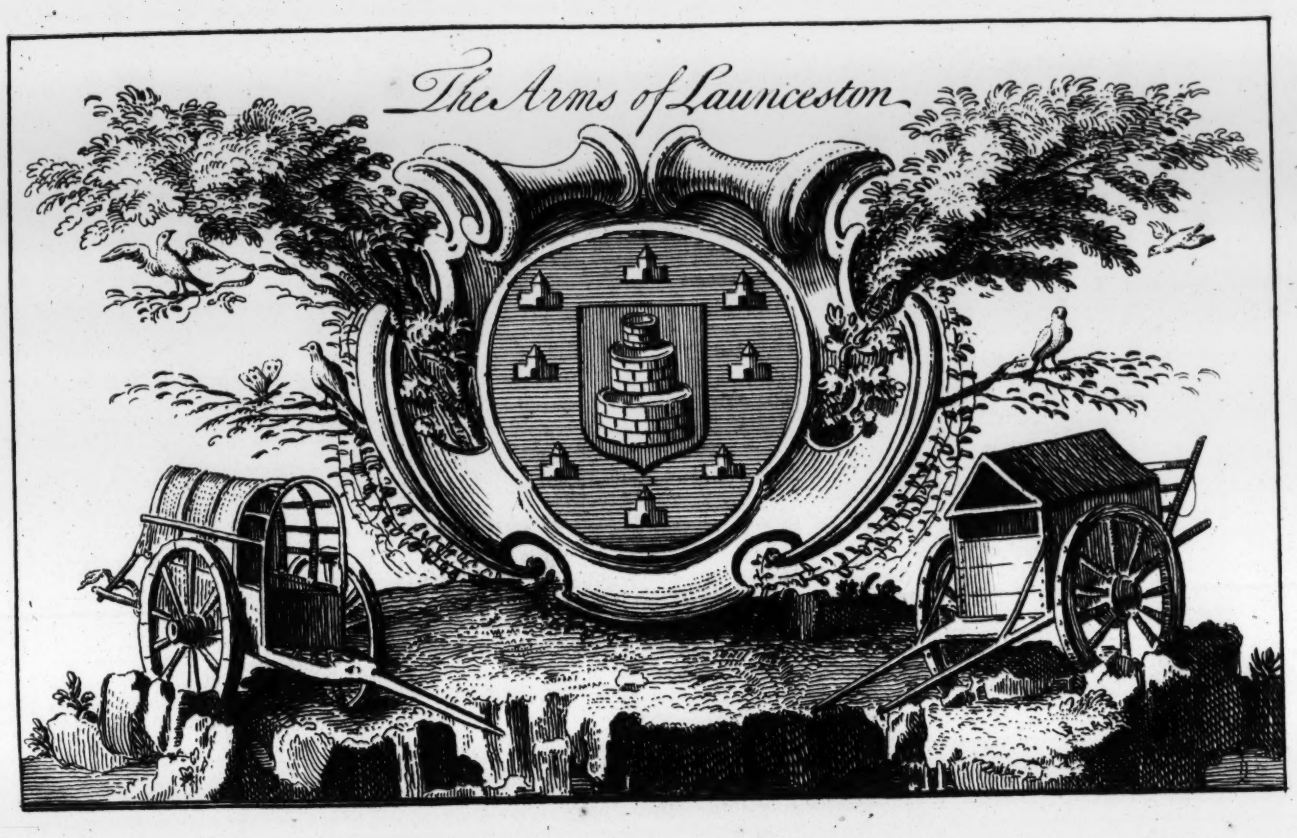
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This Chart *Shews all the* Sea Coasts *of* England *and* Wales *with the* Royal Docks, Fortifications, Harbours Sands. *&c.*

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Cornwall.

This County, the moſt Southerly and Westerly Part of Great Britain, projects into the Sea from Devonshire, from which it is divided on the East by the River Tamer; between the Bristol Channel on the North and West, and the English Channel on the South. It is thought to derive its Name from the British Word Kern (Horn) and the Saxon Word Waules (Strangers) because of the Native Britons who fled thither from the Saxon Invaders.

The Length, Breadth, Area, Inhabitants, & other Particulars that can be expreſsed in Numbers only, shall be given among the other Counties in a general Table.

Its Air is clear and healthful, tho ſharp: The Face of the Country mountainous and rocky; yet has it all ſorts of Soils. Tin, and Lead, an Ore called Mundic, and Slate for Tiling, are its chief

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A Map of CORNWALL. West from London.

Humbly inscribd to the Earl of Radnor, Lord Lieutenant &c. of the County -



From Plymouth to Looe 16.2. to Fowey 8.4. to Trewardreth 3.4. to Tregony 12.6. to Filley 6. to Market Jew 24.2. to Penzance 3. to St. Buryan 6. to Sennen 4.3. In all 84 Miles 5 Furlongs.

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Cornwall.

Commodities. The Cattle here are small; the Sheep hornless, but their Flesh and Woold very fine. They have Plenty of Fish particularly Pilchards. The Cornish Chough, a kind of ravenous Crow, is the most remarkable of their Wild Fowl.

The Natives are large, strong, active, sociable; fond of intermarrying with each other; great Wrestlers, & expert at a peculiar Diversion called Hurling. Most of them speak English; but some Parishes, near the Land's End, have still a Language of their own, derived from the antient British.

It sends more Members to Parliament than any other County, and, within one, as many as ỹ whole Kingdom of Scotland: Which is supposed to be owing to particular Privileges acquired by the Eldest Sons of the Crown, who ever since the Black Prince, have always been Dukes of Cornwall, as well as Princes of Wales. The present Boroughs are,

Launceston	Camelford	St. Ives
Leskard	Westlow	Fowey
Lestwithiel	Eastlow	St. Germans
Truro	Grampound	St. Michael
Bodmin	Penryn	Newport
Helston	Tregony	St. Mawes
Saltash	Bossiney	Kellington.

Each of these sends two Members, and the County two more. Most of them are inconsiderable Places.

Launceston is esteemed the County Town, because the Assizes, and Elections for Knights of the Shire are held there.

But

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But Falmouth, a Seaport, upon a moſt commodious Harbour, tho' it chuſes no Members, is larger than any three of the Boroughs that do chuſe them. Other Places worth mentioning, are Helford, Penſance, and Padſtow, Towns; Biſcaw-woane, and the Hurlers, Monuments of Britiſh Antiquity; St. Buriens, an independent Deanery; Mountsbay, a fine Harbour; Mount-Edgecumbe, Anthony, Arwenack, & Port Elliot, the Seats of the Edgecumbes, the Carews, the Killegrews, & the Elliots.

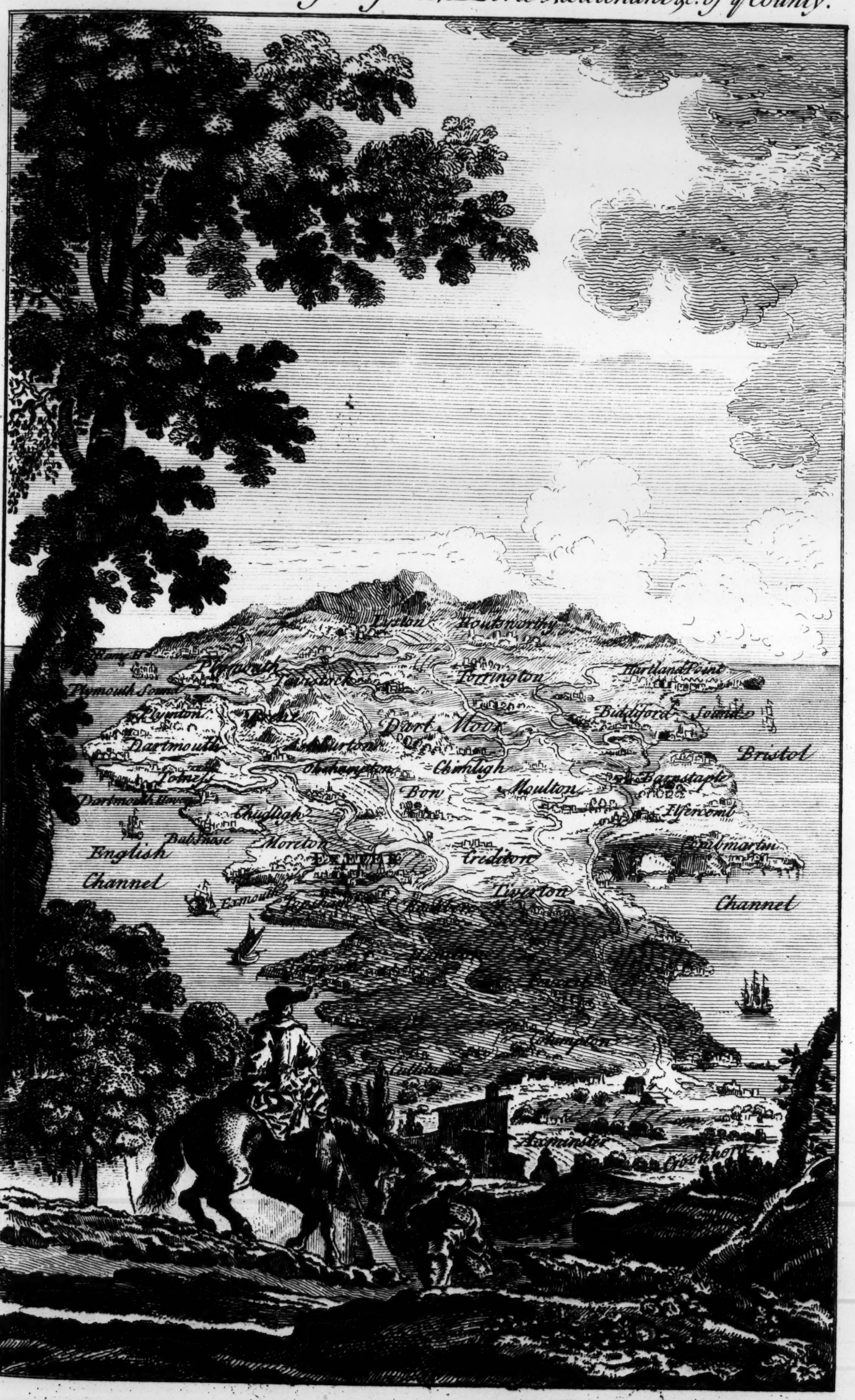
The Rocks or Islands of Scilly, ſuppoſed by ſome to have been formerly a Part of Cornwall, by others taken for ye antient Caſsiterides, have been reckened as belonging to this County, ever ſince they were conquered by Athelſtan. They are distant 30 Miles from the Land's End; the intermediate Sea, ſuppoſed to have overflow'd the narrow Iſthmus, and therefore called the Lionneſs, being of a pretty equal Depth. They are in number about 140. St. Mary's, the moſt fruitful and large, is about 9 Miles in Circumference. They abound with Rabbits and Water Fowl: But are for nothing ſo remarkable, as for the many Ship-wrecks, that have happened upon them; of which that of Sir Cloudesley Shovel, in 1707, with 4 Ships of War, not a Man being ſaved out of all the Crews, will be ever remembered in the Britiſh Annals.



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A Map of DEVON-SHIRE. West from London

Inscribed to the Earl of Orford, Lord Lieutenant &c. of ye County.

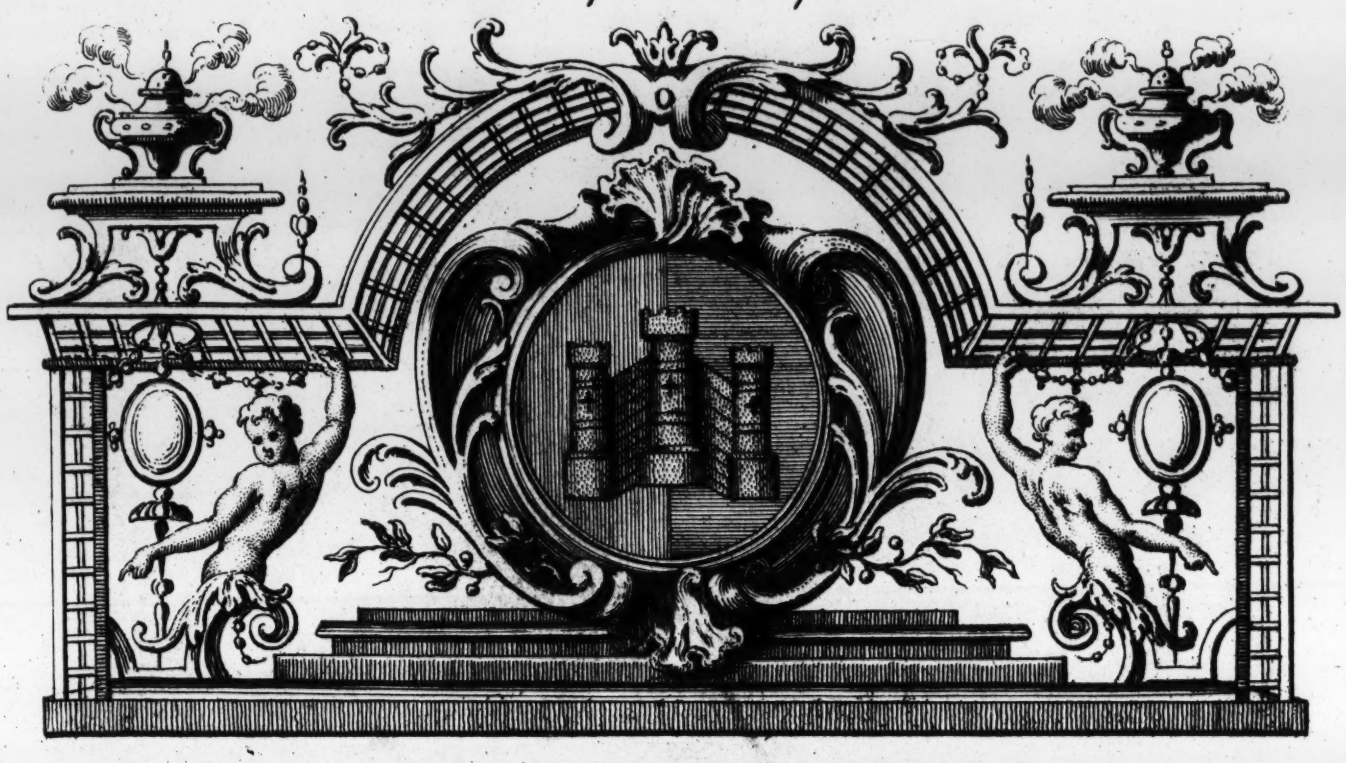


From Crookhorn to Axminster 13.2. to Honiton 9.4. to Rockberro 10. to ye City of Exeter 6.4 to Chudley 9.4. to Ashburton 9. to Bren 7.6. to Plymouth 17. in all 82 Miles 4 Furlongs

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The Arms of the CITY of Exeter.



Devonshire

Devonshire has the Bristol Channel on ye North, Cornwall on the West, the English Channel on ye South, and on the East the Counties of Dorset & Somerset. The Name is British, from the Words Deunan and Duffneynt, both implying ye Situation of the Towns, wch are mostly in deep Vallies.

The Air in ye Vallies is mild; on ye Hills, sharp and healthful. In ye Western Parts the Soil is adapted to ye Breeding of Oxen, and in the Northern Parts to Sheep; The Eastern and Middle Parts yield plenty of Corn, and the best Pease in England. South Devonshire is esteemed a very Garden. Burning of Turf, to manure ye Ground, is from ye Practice of this Country called Denshiring. Tin, Cyder very strong & rough, Loadstone, Slate, Corn, Cattle, Woll wrought and unwrought, are here the chief Commodities. The chief Rivers are the Ex, the Tan, the Dart,

and

DEVONSHIRE.

and the Tamer, which divides it from Cornwall.

In this County ye Gentry are as well bred, & the Yeomanry and Lower People as unpolished, as in any Part of England. The Merchants and principal Tradesmen imitate the Gentry.

Anciently Devonshire had more both Boroughs & Corporations then at present, when the former are reduced to ye following twelve, which each of them send two Members, as well as ye County.

Exeter	Barnstable	Ashburton
Totness	Plymton	Dartmouth
Plymouth	Honiton	Beeralston
Okehampton	Tavistock	Tiverton

Exeter is a large, antient, fine City, & Episcopal See; has six Gates, twenty Churches, and five Meeting Houses, besides Chapels. St Peter's Cathedral is a magnificent and curious Fabrick. The Bridge is long, and built upon. The four principal Streets meet in the middle of the City. Here is an old Castle, where ye Courts are kept; and several Hospitals, of which one, lately founded, is for ye Sick and Lame.

A great Trade is carried on, in Manufactured Woollen, especially at Lammas Fair, and in the Weekly Serge Market. The Pleasantness of the Situation invites hither a great many Gentlemen, who are almost as numerous as the Merchants.

Totness is famous for its loyal Address; Plymouth, for its Harbour, Magazines, & Docks; Dartmouth and Barnstable, for Merchandize, tho' the latter has lost much to Biddiford, which is no Borough; Tiverton and Plymton, for their Free Schools; and Honiton, for its Situation in a pleasant Country. Crediton, an-

Devonshire.

an Old Town near Exeter, ſuffered much lately by Fire, as did Tiverton in 1731. Ilfarcomb and Torrington are great Trading Places.

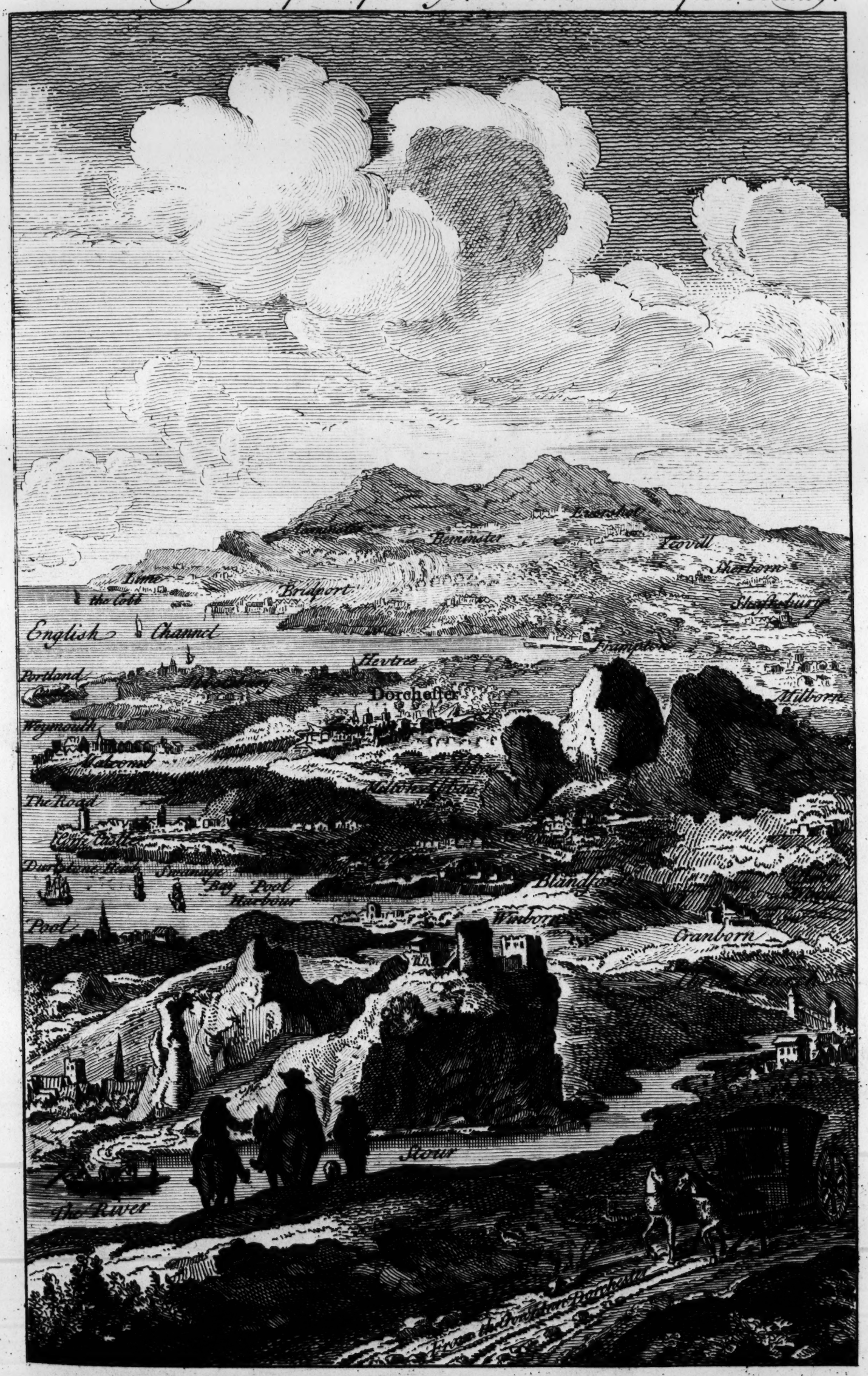
Other Remarkables are Torbay, where King William landed; Edyſtone Lighthouſe, upon a Rock over againſt Plymouth; Lundy Iſland, in the Briſtol Channel, inacceſſible at every place but one; Ugbrook, Haynton, Powderham, Halden, and Belmarſh, the Seats of the Lords Clifford and Walpole, Sir William Courtenay, Sir Thomas Chudleigh, and Mr. Shepherd; the great Organ at Exeter, and a Pit that Springs by Intervals at North Taunton.



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A Map of DORSET SHIRE. West from London:

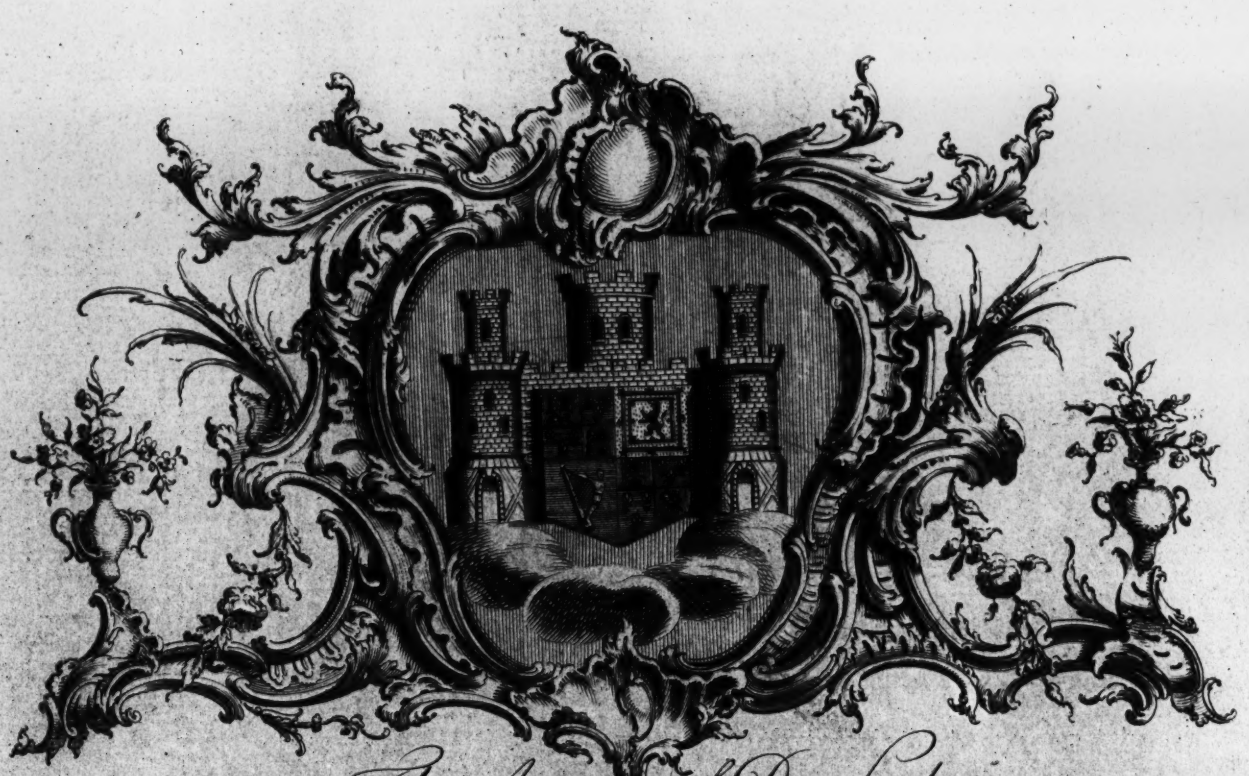
Inscribid to ye Earl of Shaftsbury Lord Lieutenant of the County.



From Cranborn to Blandford 12-2. to Dorchester 16-6. to Weymouth 8-5. to Bridport 6-1 to Lime 9-2; in all 53 in length, & 132-1 from London.

By G. Bickham according to Act 1750.

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The Arms of Dorchester.

DORSETSHIRE.

Dorsetshire is bounded on the West by part of Devonshire and Somersetshire, on the North by the Counties of Somerset and Wilts, on the East by Wiltshire and Hampshire, and on the South by the English Channel.

The British Words Dour-Trig, from which the antient Inhabitants derive their Name, signify Dwellers by ye Waterside.

The Air is generally wholesome; more mild and pleasant towards the Coast, & sharper on the Hills. The Soil is rich and fertile; the Northern Part, divided by a Range of Hills from the Southern, was formerly Woody, but now good Pasture; and the Southern feeds incredible Numbers of Sheep. Chief Commodities are Corn, Cattle, Wool, Cloth, Fish, Fowl, Hemp, Beer; Portland Stone for Building, and Purbeck Clay for Tobacco-Pipes: Principal Rivers, the Stour, the Frome, and the Pidle.

The Manners of the Natives, in general, are a little more polished than in some other Western Counties. They are proud of the saying

Dorsetshire.

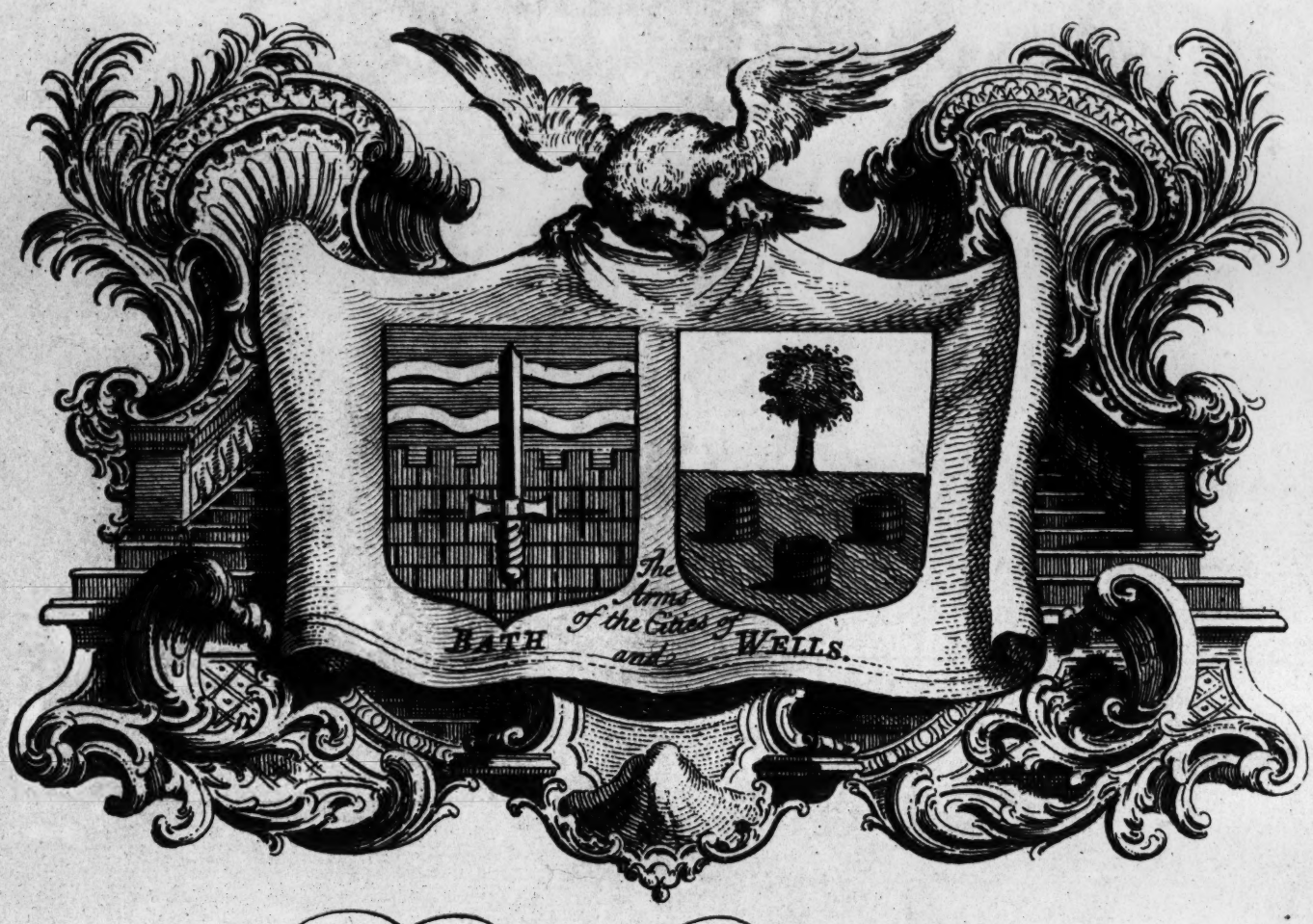
saying of King Charles II. that he never saw a finer Country than Dorsetshire.

In this County are nine Boroughs, whose Representatives with the two Knights of the Shire, make up twenty Members. The Boroughs are

Dorchester	Weymouth	Corfe-Castle
Lyme-Regis	Melcomb-Regis	Poole, and
Bridport	Wareham	Shaftesbury.

Dorchester is large, pleasant, & antient; Lyme-Regis, a place of increasing Trade; Weymouth & Melcomb-Regis are united. Purbeck, wherein is the Borough of Corfe-Castle, is without Reason called an Island. Other Remarkable Towns are Blandford, twice destroyed by Fire, the last Time in 1731; Sherburn, antient, large, & well frequented; and Winburn, noted for its fine Collegiate Church.

Curiosities of this County are, an entire Amphitheater, and Remains of the Ickening Street, both near Dorchester, & Roman Antiquities; several Barrows, or old British Tombs; an extraordinary Chasm, caused by an Earthquake; a Swannery in Portland Inlet, containing at least 7000 Swans; Hook-Castle, Cranbourn-house, Buckland, Winburn St. Giles, Sherburn-Castle, and Puddle-Town, the Seats of ye Duke of Bolton, the Earl of Salisbury, Earl Paulet, Earl of Shaftesbury, Lord Digby, and Lord Walpole.



Somersetshire.

This County, one of the richest and largest in England, has Dorsetshire on the South, Devonshire on the West, the Severn Sea on the North, Wiltshire on the East, & a Part of Gloucestershire on the North East. It takes its Name from Somerton, formerly ye Shire Town, but now obscur'd by Bristol, Bath, Wells, all of them Cities, & a great many large Towns.

The Air is the mildest, and ye Soil, for the most part, the richest in the Kingdom: Single Acres here have produced from 40 to 50, and even 60 Bushels of Wheat. The Eastern & Western Parts are hilly and Stony; but the Country in general is low, &, as the Soil is so rich, very dirty for Travellers in Winter. The Product is various; Coal, Lead, & Copper, in the Hills; in the Plains, Grain of all Kinds, of which it sends out great Quantities: Woad

thrives

A MAP of SOMERSET SHIRE *West from London*

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Humbly inscribd to Geo. Doddington Esq.r Lord Lieutenant &c. of the County..



From Bristol to Bishops-Chue 7-1. to Wells 11-7. to Glastonbury 5-6. to Greinton 6-5 to Lyng 3-2. to Wellington 7-1. to Welland 10-1. to Broadinch 5. in all 56-7. — from London 108 Miles.

According to Act of Parliament by G. Bickham 1750

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SOMERSETSHIRE

thrives here as well as any where in ye Kingdom, & Teazles better: It has Lapis Calaminaris more than any other County, and about Mendip Hills Quantity of Oker: Its Oxen are as large & the Flesh as fine, as in Lincolnshire; but of late Years ye Country runs more upon Dairies, which produce excellent Cheese, than upon Grazing. The Sheep here are large, and the Bull-Dogs the boldest in England.

All sorts of Woollen Cloths are manufactured here, as well as Stockings & Buttons; and in the South East part of ye County are made great Quantities of Linen. The Value of the Woollen Manufacture alone, in the first Hands, has been rated at a Million a Year. And as to foreign Commerce, Bristol has more of it than any City in England, except London: The Rivers are Severn, Avon, Parret, Frome, Ax, Tor, and Tone: The principal Hills, Mendip, Poulton, and Quantock.

In the main, the People are plain, and honesthearted; but too justly charged with Bluntness in Conversation, and a Contempt of Letters. There are reckoned among them not less than 40,000 Dissenters. Great Men, both in Arts and Arms, have been produced in this County.

Somersetshire sends Eighteen Members to Parliament; two for the County, two for each of the Cities of

Bristol, Bath, and Wells,

and two a-piece for the Boroughs of

Taunton, Minehead, and
Bridgewater, Ilchester, Milbourn Port.

Bristol

The Arms of the City of BRISTOL.



SOMERSETSHIRE.

Bristol is situated not wholly in this County, but partly in Gloucestershire. It is, however, independant of both, being a County of it self. It is very Populous, supposed to contain 100,000 Inhabitants; but the Streets are narrow, the Houses too much crouded, and the City it self is of no great Antiquity. Here are principally observed, the Key, large & commodious; the Bridge, strong & high; the Parish Church of St. Mary Radcliff, ye fifteen Glasshouses, the Custom of using no Carts, but Sleds, and the hot mineral Waters. Several noble Edifices, publick & private, have been lately erected here.

Bath lies about 12 Miles higher, upon the same River Avon. It is antient, having been famous for its medicinal Waters in the Time of the Romans. Of late Years it has prodigiously encreased: But if Diseases draw many people hither, Gallantry & Diversions entice many more. Here has been a publick Hospital lately erected.

Wells

Somersetshire.

Wells is a small but neat City, admired, as well as Bath, for its Cathedral: Taunton, Frome, & Bridgewater, are large; Ilchester, Minehead, Glastonbury, & Milbourn-Port, are antient Towns.

Curiosities in this County are, the Glastonbury Thorn, by some supposed to be miraculous; Roman Coins & Antiquities, at Ilchester; & on Camalet Hill; a subterraneous Room, with a chequered Pavement, at Bathford; the Ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, and that at Athelney; Minehead Harbour, capacious & safe; and Wokey Hole, at the Foot of Mendip Hills, where continually drips a petrifying Water.

The Noblemen's Seats are, Clevenden Court, the Earl of Bristol's; Henton St. George, & Ken Court, Earl Paulet's; Market-Bruton, Lord Berkeley's; Cannington, Lord Clifford's; and Buckland House, Lord Hanley's: Principal Gentlemen's, Orchard-Wyndham, Mells, Hunt-worth, Long-Ashton, Bristleton, & Nettlecomb, belonging to Sir Charles Wyndham, Mr. Strangeways Horner, Mr. Portman, Sir John Smith, Sir Robert Cann, and Sir John Trevelyan.

A Leaden Cross found 6 Feet under Ground, and 10 Feet above King Arthur's Coffin, at Glastonbury.

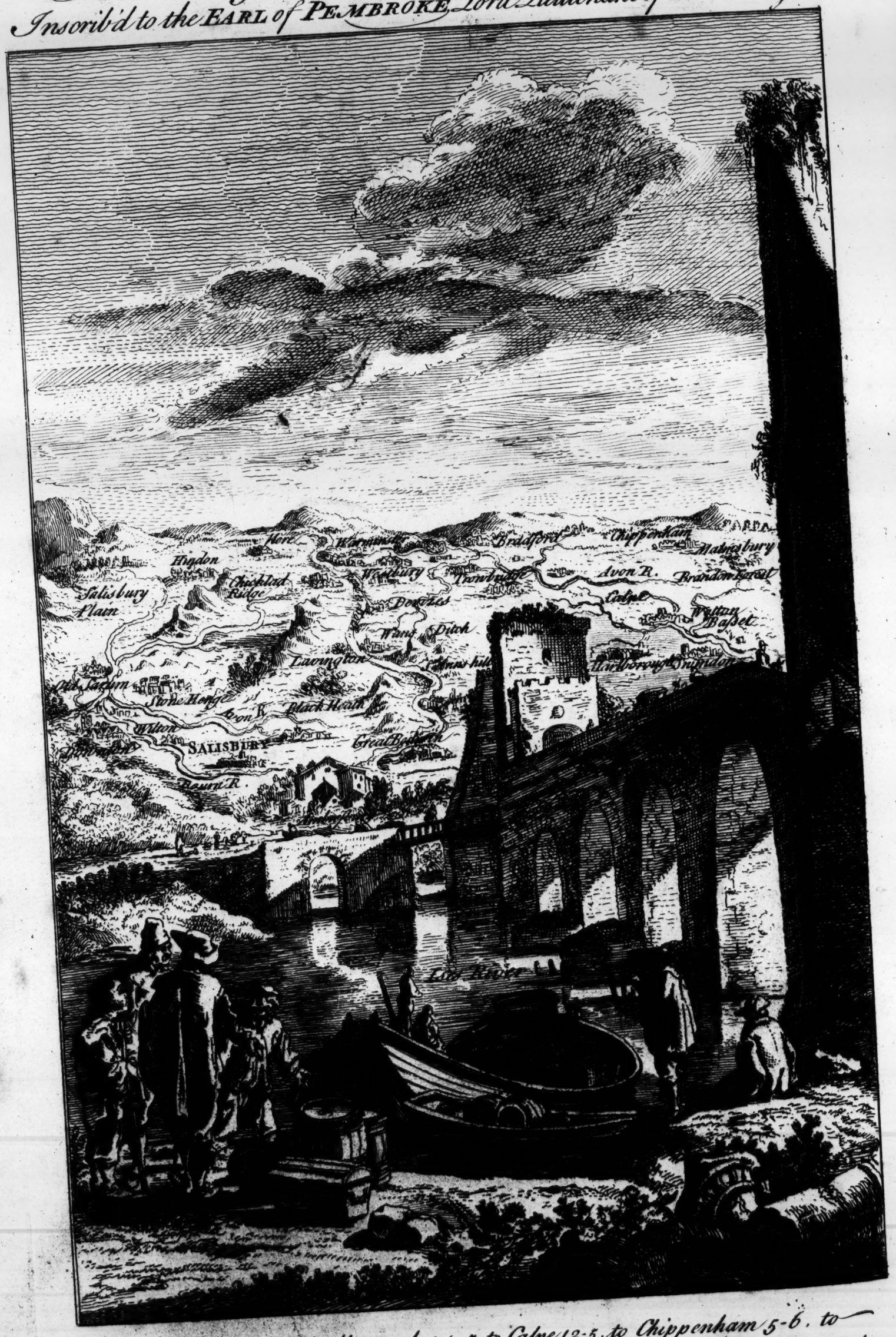


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A MAP of WILTSHIRE West from LONDON.

Inscrib'd to the EARL *of* PEMBROKE *Lord Lieutenant of the County.*



From Salisbury to Marlborough 24-5 to Calne 12-5. to Chippenham 5-6. to Trowbridge 9-6. to Bradford 4-2. in all 57. from London 83 miles 7 furlongs

By G. Bickham according to Act 1750.



Wiltshire.

Wiltshire is bounded on the North by Gloucestershire, on the West by Gloucestershire and Somersetshire, on the South by Dorsetshire and Hampshire, and on ye East by Hampshire and Berkshire. It has its Name from Wilton, once the chief Town, but now mostly remarkable for ye fine Seat of the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery; as that is so called from the River Willey, on which it stands.

The Air of Wiltshire is sweet & pleasant, tho' somewhat sharp upon the Hills during Winter. In the Northern Parts ye Soil is Mountainous and Woody; in the Middle it is cross'd by the famous Downs, remarkable for feeding Sheep, and here distinguish'd by the Names of Salisbury & Malborough; on the South, it is very rich and fertile. The principal Commodities are Sheep, Wool, Wood, Stone, and of late fine Malt Liquor.

This,

WILTSHIRE.

This with Somersetshire is the chief Seat of the Woollen Manufacture for fine Cloths. The two Avons, called the Upper and Lower, with the Madder, the Willey, the Bourne, the Ifis, and the Kennet, are here the Rivers moſt worthy of Notice.

The Inhabitants of Wiltſhire are reputed a brave, rough, blunt People, that ſpeak a broad Dialect, even more unpleaſing than their Neighbours of Somersetshire; and this Dialect prevails too much even among their Gentry, who are not refined by a Town Converſation.

This County ſends more Members to Parliament than any other in England, Cornwal only excepted. Beſides the Knights of the Shire, & the Repreſentatives of ye City of Sarum, which are two each, they chuſe 30 for the following Boroughs.

Wilton	Calne	Great Bedwin
Downton	Devizes	Ludgerſhall
Hindon	Chippenham	Old Sarum
Heytesbury	Malmsbury	Wooton Baſset
Weſtbury	Cricklade	Marlborough

Salisbury, the Capital, is a large, well built, populous, pleaſant City, and Epiſcopal See. The Cathedral, the moſt regular Gothic Building in the Kingdom, with ye higheſt Spire, is ſaid to have Doors and Chapels equal in Number to ye Months, Windows to the Days, and Pillars & Pilaſters to the Hours, in ye whole Year.

The Manufactures here are conſiderable, and the Market-place very ſpacious with a fine Town-Houſe. Old Sarum a Mile North of the New, tho' it chuſes two Members, is now reduced to

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WILTSHIRE.

a ſingle Farm-house. Devizes, Chippenham, Calne, Westbury, and ſome others, are noted for ye Woollen Manufacture; as are alſo Trowbridge, Bradford, and Warminſter, large Towns, tho' not Boroughs.

Stone-henge, the greateſt Antiquity in England, lies about Six Miles North of Salisbury, & is much reſorted to by Travellers. The Vulgar tell wonderful Tales about the Number of its Stones. It is thought to have been the chief Heathen Temple of our British Ancestors, and the Barrows, or Hillocks of a peculiar Form, that lie round it to a conſiderable Diſtance, have been proved to be the Sepulchres of great Men. Abery, near Marlborough, is another Temple of the ſame Structure.

In this County is alſo the Wandyke, a great Ditch that runs croſs it, and thought to be an antient Boundary.

Seats here, beſide Wilton already mentioned, are Tokenham, Allington-houſe, and Marlborough-houſe, all belonging to the Duke of Somerſet; Eddington, the Duke of Bolton's; Damerham, Duke of Newcaſtle's; Ambreſbury, Duke of Queenſbury's; Tilshead, Earl Godolphin's; Charlton, Earl of Berkshire's; West-Lavington, Earl of Abingdon's; Long-leat, Viſcount Weymouth's; Lediard-Tregoze, Viſcount St John's; Wardour, Lord Arundel's; Wiſhford-Hatch, Littlecot, Ramsbury, Wolf-hall, Biſhops-Canning, Wilberry, Cholderton, & Coſham, belonging to Sir Richard Hoar, Meſſieurs Hyde, Popham, Jones, Seymour, Ernley, Grevil, Cracherode, and Colonel Ducket.

WILTSHIRE.

At the Devizes, in this County, were found A.D. 1714, and supposed to have been buryed there in 234, these Houshold Gods, in Number 19, with a Medal of Alexander Severus; which Pieces of Antiquity are here exhibited, being great Curiosities.



Venus.



Mercuris.



Pallas.



Vulcanus.



Jupiter Ammon.



Mercuris.



Virgo Vestalis.



Bachus.





Hercules.



Bachus.



Neptunus.



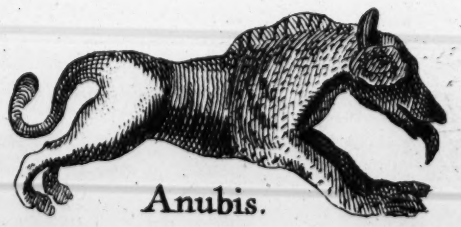
Bachus.







Bucephalus.



Anubis.



Apis.





Lupa *cum Romulo et Remo.*

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A MAP of HAMPSHIRE. *West from London.*

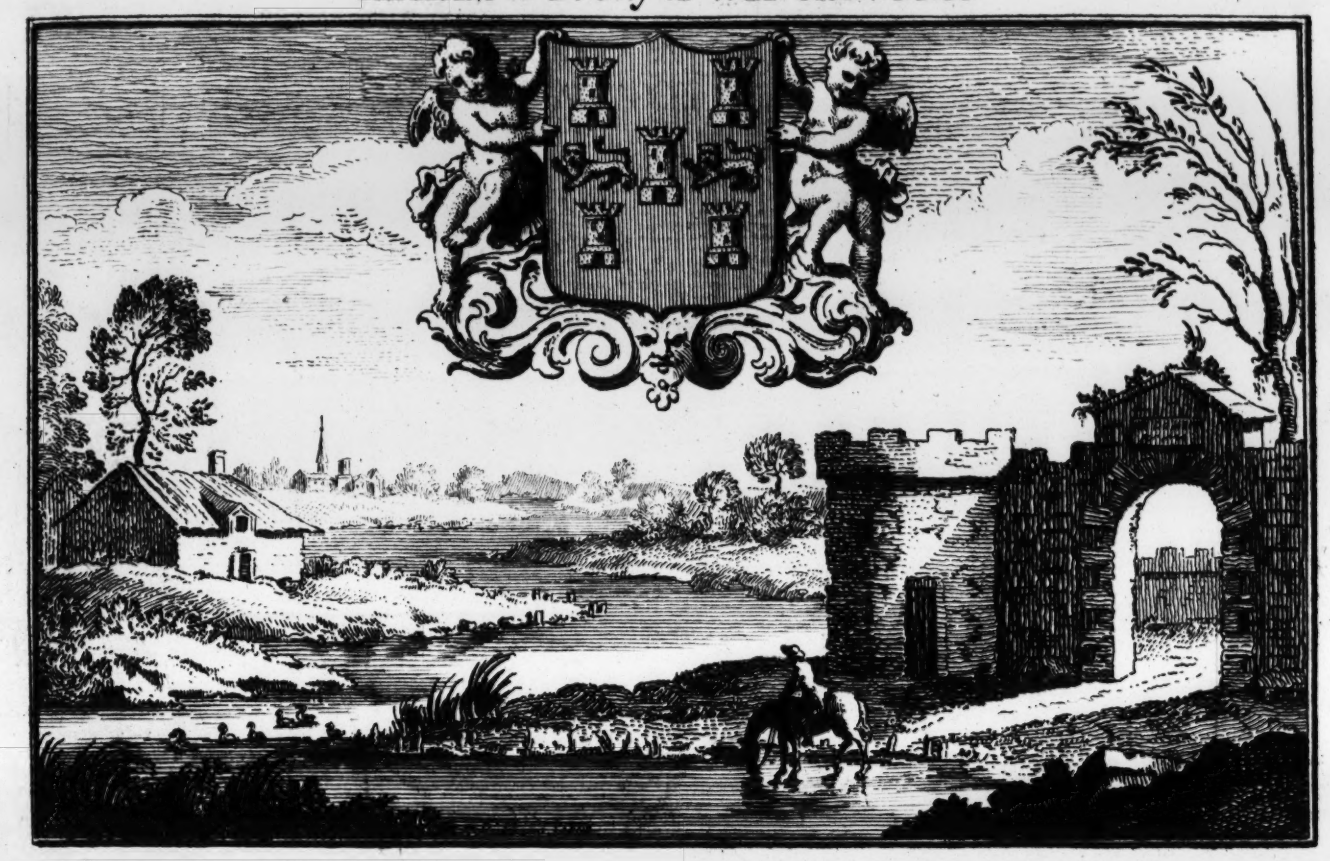
Humbly inscribd to the Lord Limington, Lord Lieut.t of y.e County.



From Alton to Alresford 9. 5. to Winchester 3. 4. to Rumsey 12. 1 to Ringwood 17. 5. to Pool 14. in all 56. 7. from London 54 Miles.

According to Act of Parliament by G. Bickham 1750

The Arms of the City of WINCHESTER.



Hampshire

Hampshire (properly the County of Southampton, from the principal Town) is bounded on y^e North by Berkshire, on the East by Surry & Sussex, on the South by the British-Channel, and on the West by Dorsetshire & Wiltshire.

The Air is mild & wholesome, but towards the South subject to Sea Vapours. The Soil is rich. The chief Commodities are Corn, Cattle, Wool, Wood, Iron, excellent Honey, and the best Bacon in England. Kersies, Stuffs, and some Cloths, are here manufactured. Rivers are the Tees, Avon, Stowre, Itching, and some others.

The People in general have ye Advantage of ye more westerly Counties from their greater Vicinity to London: But in ye New Forest one may expect as much simplicity & want of Breeding, as in any Part of the Kingdom.

Besides

Hampshire.

Besides the Knights of ye Shire, & the Citizens of Winchester, Hampshire chuſes two Burgeſses for each of ye following Towns,

Southampton,	Stockbridge,	Whitchurch,
Portſmouth,	Christchurch,	and
Petersfield,	Limington,	Andover.

To which if we add the Six Members for ye Iſle of Wight (a Part of this County) choſen at

Newport,	Yarmouth,	Newton,

the whole Number of Representatives will be Twenty-Six.

Winchester is famous for its Cathedral & College, ye former finished, and the latter founded, by ye famous Bishop William of Wickham. A Palace was begun here by King Charles II, but never finished.

Southampton has been more conſiderable than at preſent; but is ſtill a good Town, and a County in itſelf. But the Place in this County now moſt worthy of notice is Portsmouth, the best Fortification in England, the chief Rendezvous of the Royal Navy, and a great Marine Arſenal. It is of late Years vastly increased. The Haven may contain a thousand large Ships.

New Forest, between the Avon & Hampton Water, was made by William the Conqueror, who laid waste for that Purpoſe thirty ſix Parishes.

Silchester, on ye North Edge of this County, now only a Farm-house and a Church, is the antient Vinodunum of ye Romans, whoſe Walls, almoſt entire, are two Miles in Compaſs.

Noblemen's Seats here are Basing-House & Abbotſon,

the

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Hampshire.

the Duke of Bolton's; Rockburn-house, Earl of Shaftesbury's; Hursborn, Earl of Portsmouth's; Farnborough-place, Earl of Anglesea's; Eadesworth, Lord Dormor's; Whornel, Lord Delanvare's; and the Earl of Peterborough's, at Southampton.

Wight-Isle, called by the Antients Vectis, lies on the South of this County in the British Channel.

The Air is pleasant and salubrious, and the Soil fertile, affording Corn enough in one Year to supply the Inhabitants for Seven. It is divided into East and West Meden. Newport, the Capital, near the Middle of the Isle, is large and populous. The Port to it is Cowes, on the Northern Extremity. Wight was once a Kingdom, made so by King Henry VI, in favour of Henry Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. The Wool here is exceeding fine. In short, some Writers call this Island the Garden of England, as Sicily was called formerly the Garden of Italy.

A Prospect of *Stone-Henge*, on Salisbury Plain, which is in *Wiltshire*.



A Saxon  Coin

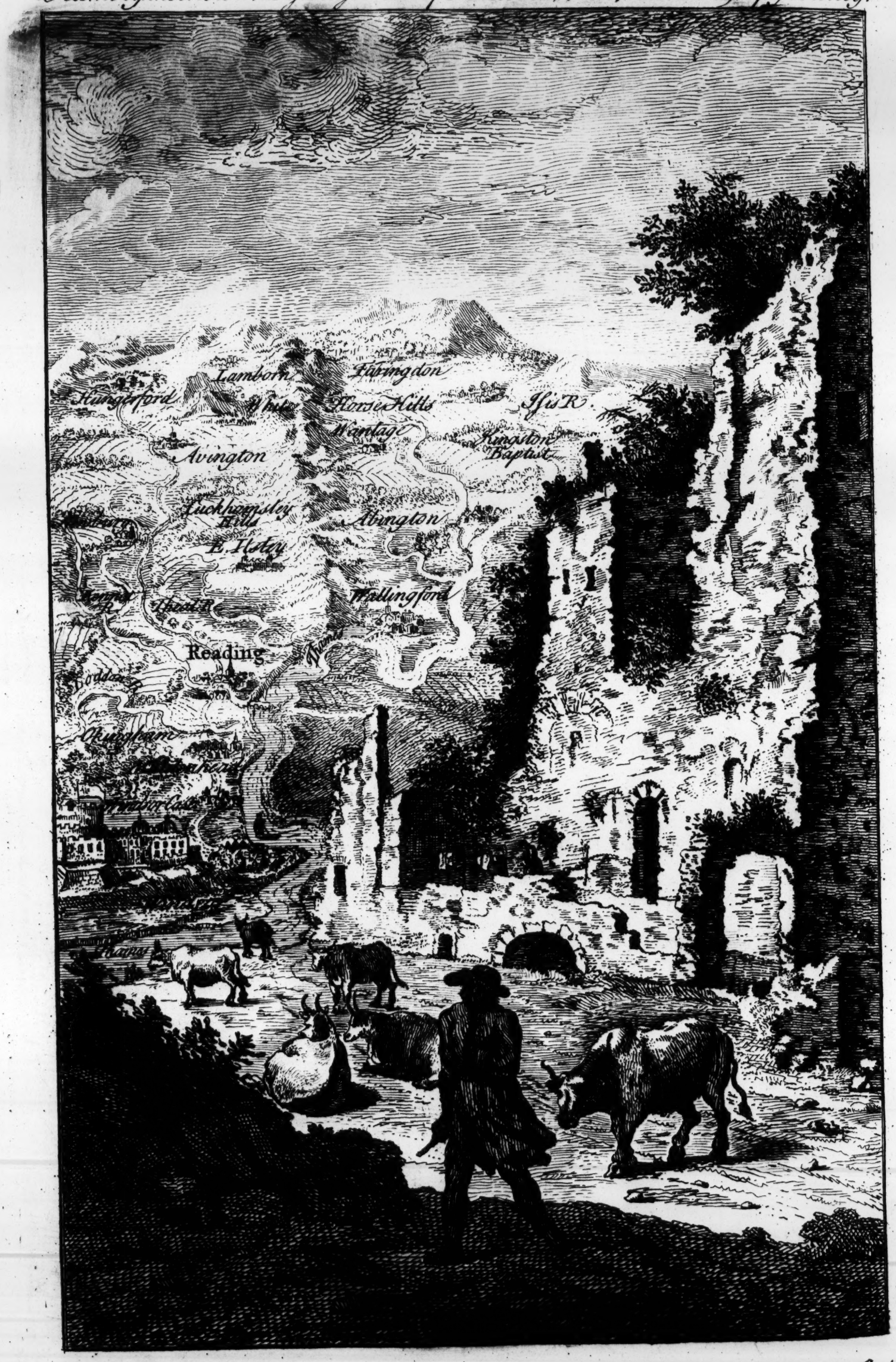
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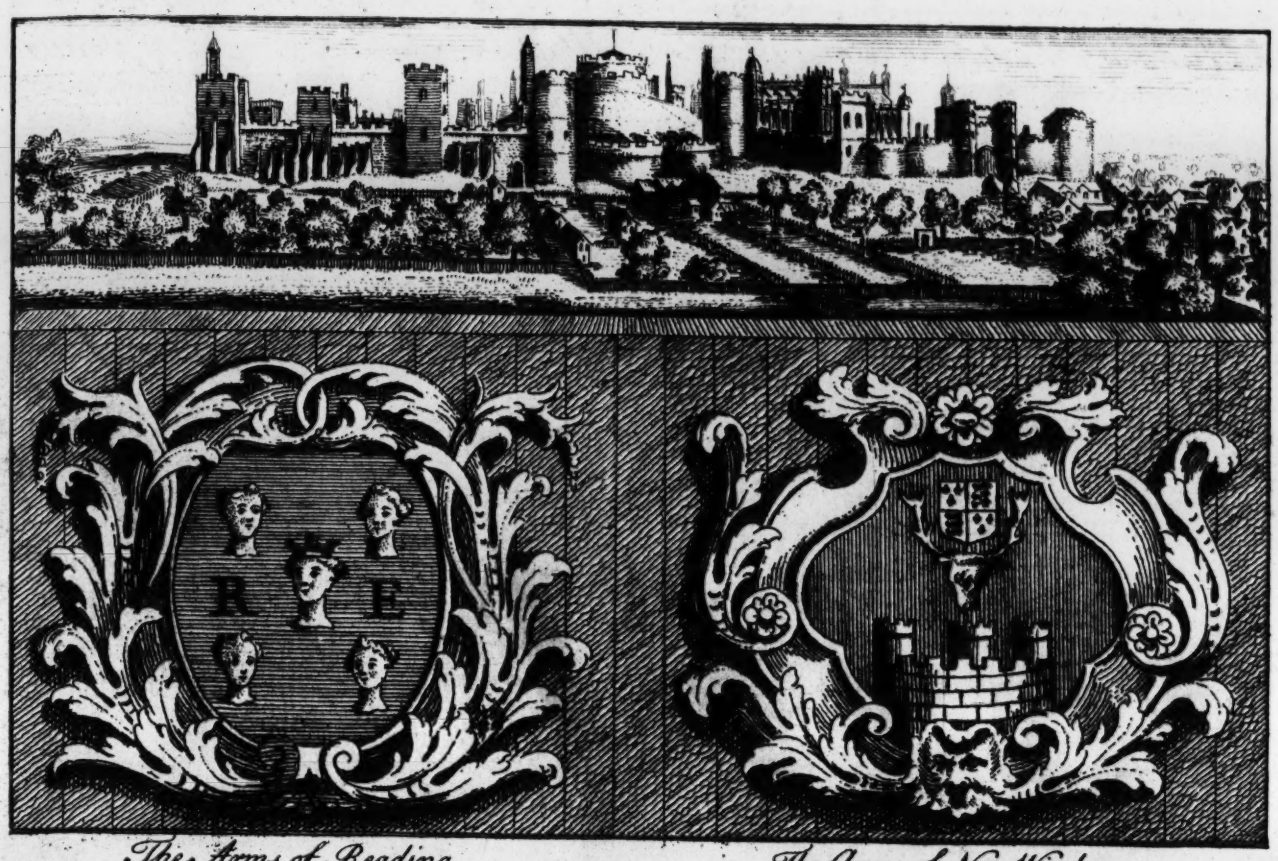
A Map of BERKSHIRE. West from London.

Humbly inscribed to his Grace ye Duke of St Albans, Lord Lieutenant &c of ye County.



From Maidenhead to Reading 12.4. to Theal 4.3. to Newbury 12.1. to Hungerford 9.2. in all 38 Miles 2 Furlongs in length. Reading from London 37 Miles. —

According to Act of Parliament by G. Bickham 175



The Arms of Reading. *The Arms of New-Windsor.*

BERKSHIRE.

Berkshire, supposed to be so called from Berroc, *a Wood, is divided on the North & North-East, by the* Thames, *from* Oxford *and* Buckingham Shires; *on the West it is bounded by the Counties of* Gloucester & Wilts; *on the South-East, by* Surry; *and on the South by* Hampshire.

This County is equal to any in Pleasantness, and in ye West and North-West Parts none is more fertile. The Air is generally healthy, which contributes to make Lands let dearer here than in other Counties at the same Distance from London. *Corn of all Kinds, but in particular fine Barly & Malt; Timber, and some Woollen and Sailcloth Manufactures, are its chief Commodities. Its Rivers, besides the* Thames *before mentioned, are the* Kennet, *the* Ocke, *the* Loddon & *the* Lambourn; *which last, tho' but a Rivulet, has this remarkable Quality, that it is fullest in Summer, when other Rivers decrease.*

Abbingdon

Berkshire.

Abbingdon is one of the Boroughs that send but one Member to Parliament. The other three, which, as well as the County, send two each, are

Reading, New-Windsor, Wallingford.

Reading, the County Town, is larger than some Cities. It was anciently famous for its Abbey, since for Clothing; & now for its Trade in Malt & Meal. Abbingdon, which commonly has the Assizes alternately with Reading, & always the County Election, has a fine Market-House. Wallingford has been very large, & Wantage was the Birth Place of ye great King Alfred. Yet nothing in this County is so worthy of Notice as Windsor-Castle, a Site inferior to none in Europe, and a noble Citadel. It was made illustrious by King Edward III, who not only raised most of the Buildings, but instituted here ye order of ye Garter, the Installations of which are to this Day in St George's Chappel. It has been improved by several of our Monarchs, who made it their Royal Residence.

The White-Horse, in the Hill so called, is supposed to be a Work of King Alfred, & the noblest Monument of Saxon Antiquity in ye whole Kingdom. It covers an Acre of Ground, & is thought to have been cut in memory of a signal Victory. The Neighbouring People, from Time immemorial, have a Kind of Festival called Scouring the Horse; when they cleanse it of Weeds, whereby the Chalky Bottom still preserves a fine Effect at a great Distance. Near Reading is a Natural Curiosity, thought to have remained ever since the Flood. It is a Bed of Oyster-Shells,

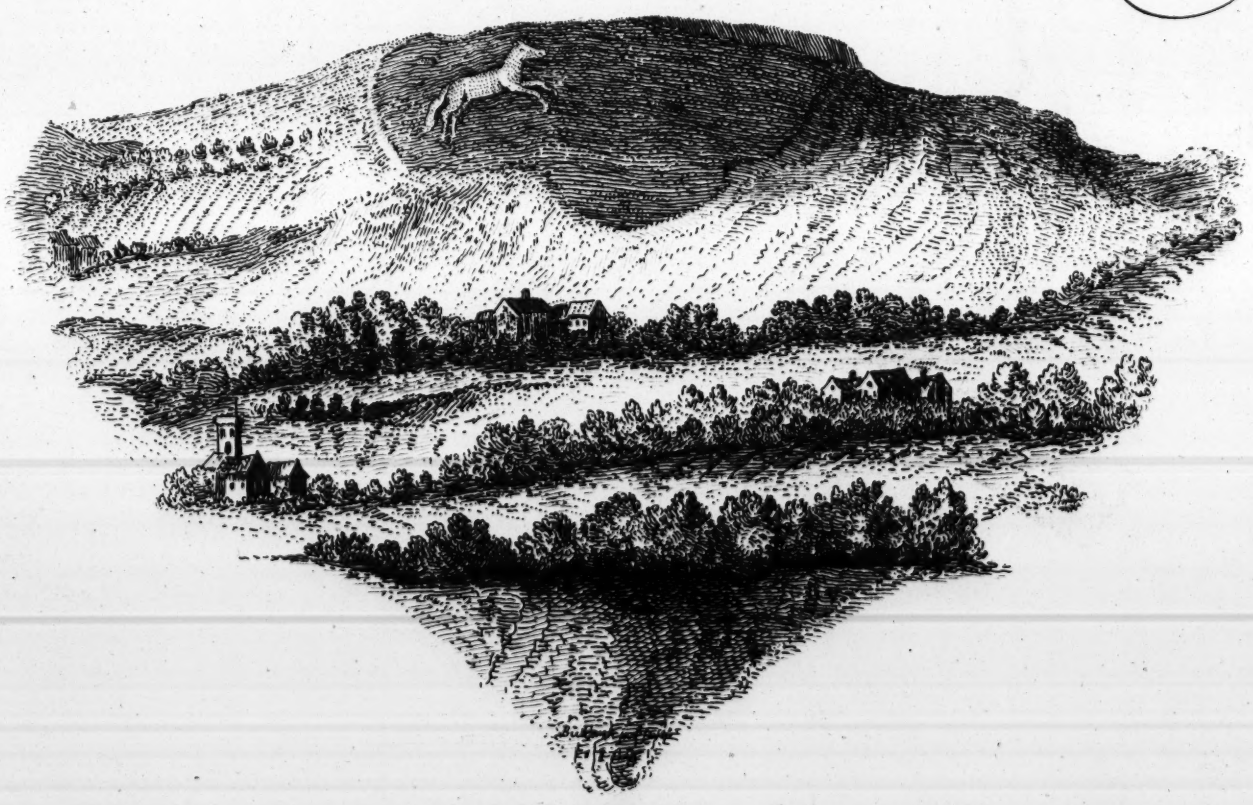
fourteen

Berkshire.

fourteen or sixteen Feet under the surface of a Hill, and covered with variety of different Strata, which retain the true Figure & Colour; but moulder at a small Pressure. In this County are also Remains of Roman Antiquities and Fortifications, with some of the famous Causeway, called Icknild-Street. Here is also a singularly merry Custom in two Manors, whereby Widows recover their Copyhold, after having forfeited it by Incontinence.

Hurley is a Seat of the Earl of Strafford; Swallowfield, once the Earl of Clarendon's, has since had several Possessors; at New-Windsor, the Duke of St. Albans has a Seat, as the Earl of Godolphin and Lord Delaware have at the Old: Basselden is Lord Fane's; Whiteham, Earl of Abbingdon's; & Hamstead-Marshall, Earl of Craven's.

White-horse Hill.

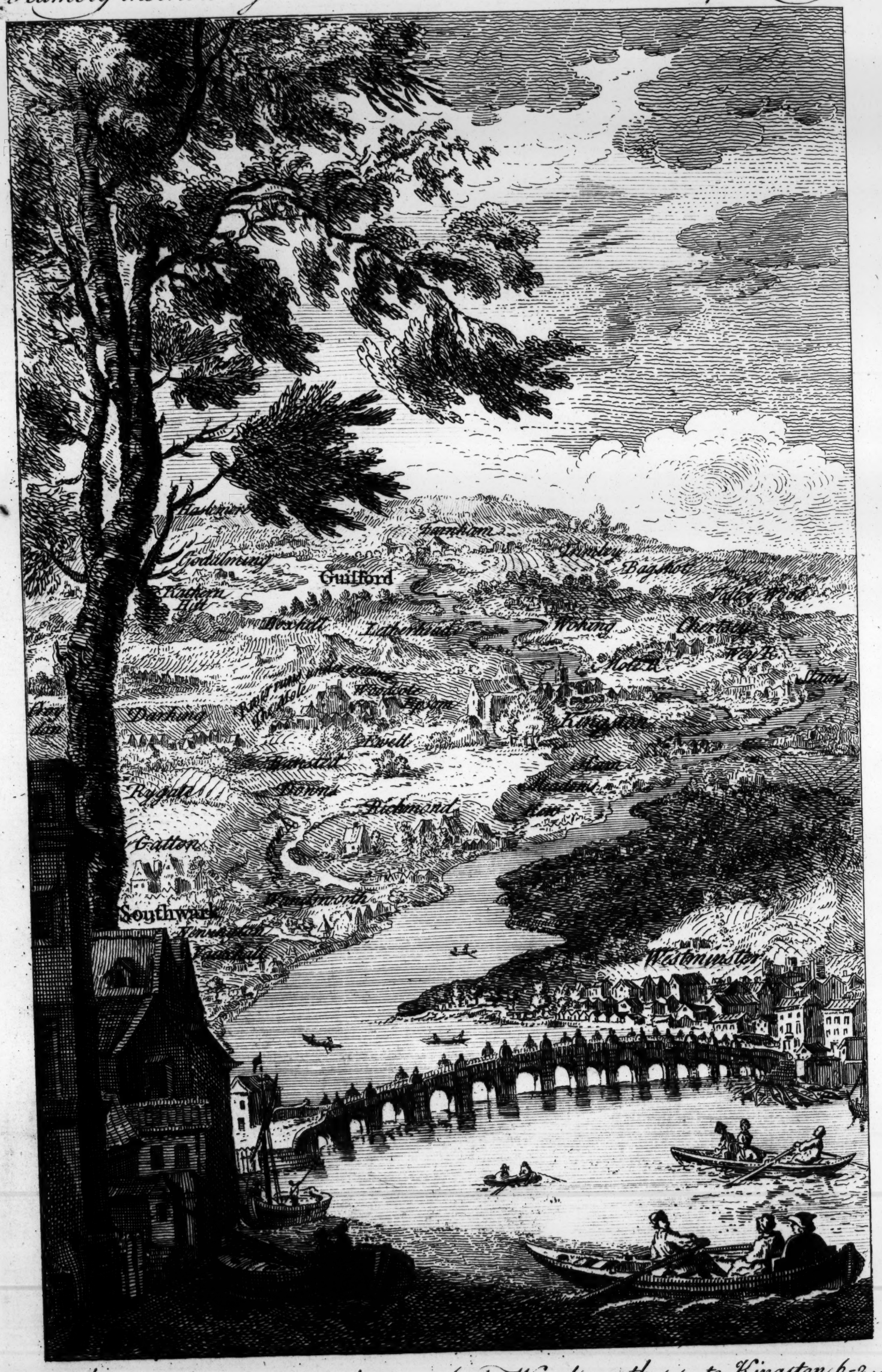


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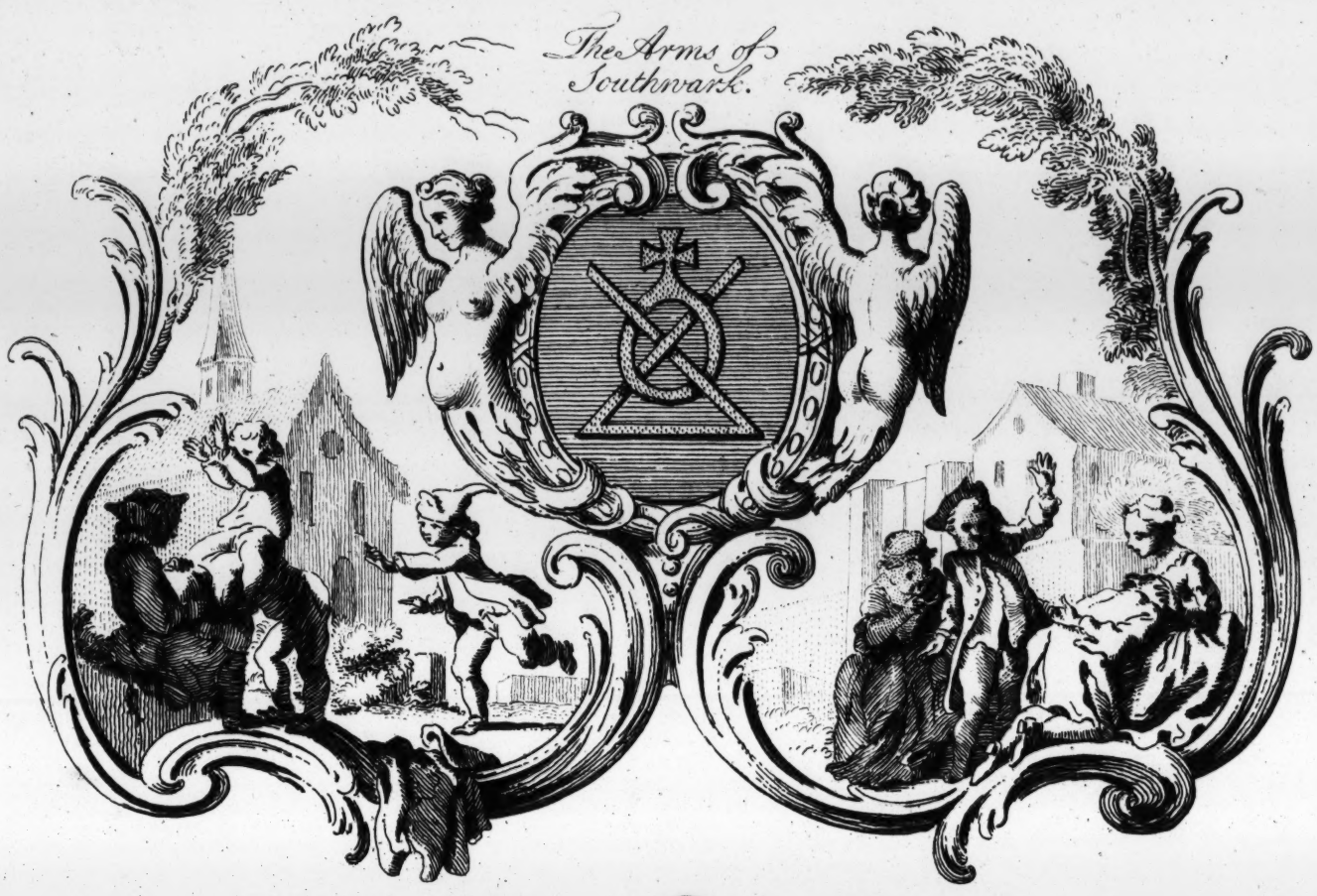
A Map of SURREY. West from London.

Humbly inscrib'd to y^e^ R.^t^ Honble Richard Lord Onslow, Ld Lieut.^t^ of the County.



From Southwark to Newington 1-6. to Wandsworth 4-4. to Kingston 6-2.- to Guilford 17-4. to Godalming 4-4. in all in Length from London 34-2. to Godalming &c.

According to Act of Parliament by Geo. Bickham 1751.



Surrey.

Surrey has Middlesex on the North, Kent on the East, Sussex on the South, and on the West Hampshire and Berkshire. It takes its Name from its situation on the South of the Thames, which divides it from Middlesex.

The Air of Surrey is very Sweet & wholesom, which makes it abound in Gentlemen's Seats. The Middle of the County is barren; but the Skirts, on all sides, very fruitful. Corn, Hops, Box-Wood, Walnuts, and Fuller's-Earth, are here the chief Commodities, Surrey not being famous for any Considerable Manufactures. Besides the Thames, there are in this County the Rivers Wey, Moulsey, and Wandle, all which run Northward into the Prince of English Rivers.

It is observed of ye People in the Midst of Surrey, that they are generally of a pale Complexion, like the Natives of

Picardy

SURREY.

Picardy in France. Their Manners in general cannot but receive Advantage from their Vicinity to London, and the great Concourse of Gentry.

Beſides the two Knights of the Shire, Surrey chuſes two Repreſentatives for each of the following Boroughs,

Guildford, Blechingley, Gatton
Southwark, Rygate, Haſlemere.

Kingston, is frequently called the Shire Town, tho' it be no Borough; but the County Jail is of late Years removed to Southwark; and Guildford, where the Knights are choſen, and which has the Aſsizes as well as Kingston, deſerves more properly that Appellation. It is at this Day in a pretty flouriſhing Condition. Southwark, ye largeſt Borough in England, is commonly reckoned a Part of London. Other remarkable Places here are Richmond, one of the pleaſantest Villages perhaps in Europe; and Epſom, a great Reſort of People of Faſhion, on account of the Wells and Races.

Curioſities in this County are, ſeveral Roman Antiquities, at Walton, Darking, near Aldbury, and ſome other Places; the Subterraneous Paſsage of the River Moulsey, or Mole; Runney Mead, where King John gave Magna Charta, and Coopers Hill near it, made famous by ye celebrated

Poem

SURREY.

Poem of Sir John Denham.

As it would take up too much Room to mention all Gentlemen's Seats, we shall for the future confine our selves only to those of the Nobility. There are in Surrey, (besides the Royal Palace at Richmond, & the Archiepiscopal Seat at Lambeth,) Wimbledon, the Dutchess of Marlborough's; Claremont and Pepper-Harrow, the Duke of Newcastle's; Sudbrook, the late Duke of Argyle's; Nonesuch, ye Duke of Grafton's; Weybridge, ye Earl of Portmore's; Aldbury, the Earl of Aylesford's; Great Bockham, the Earl of Effingham's; Durdans, Lord North and Guildford's; Peckham, Lord Trevor's; Beachworth, Lord Windsor's; Woodcot, Lord Baltimore's; & Battersea, late Lord St. John's.

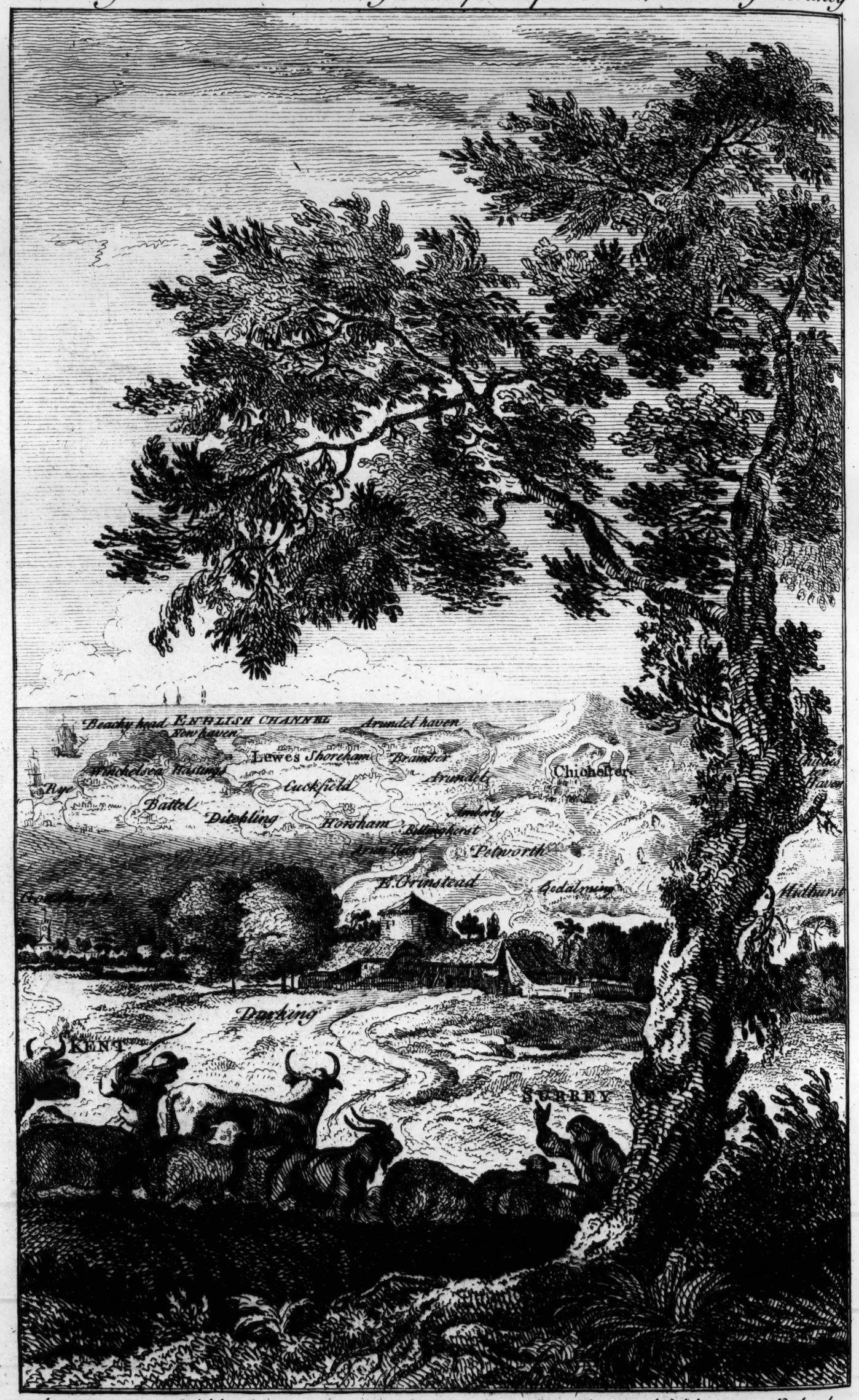
The Arms of Guildford



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A Map of SUSSEX, South from London.

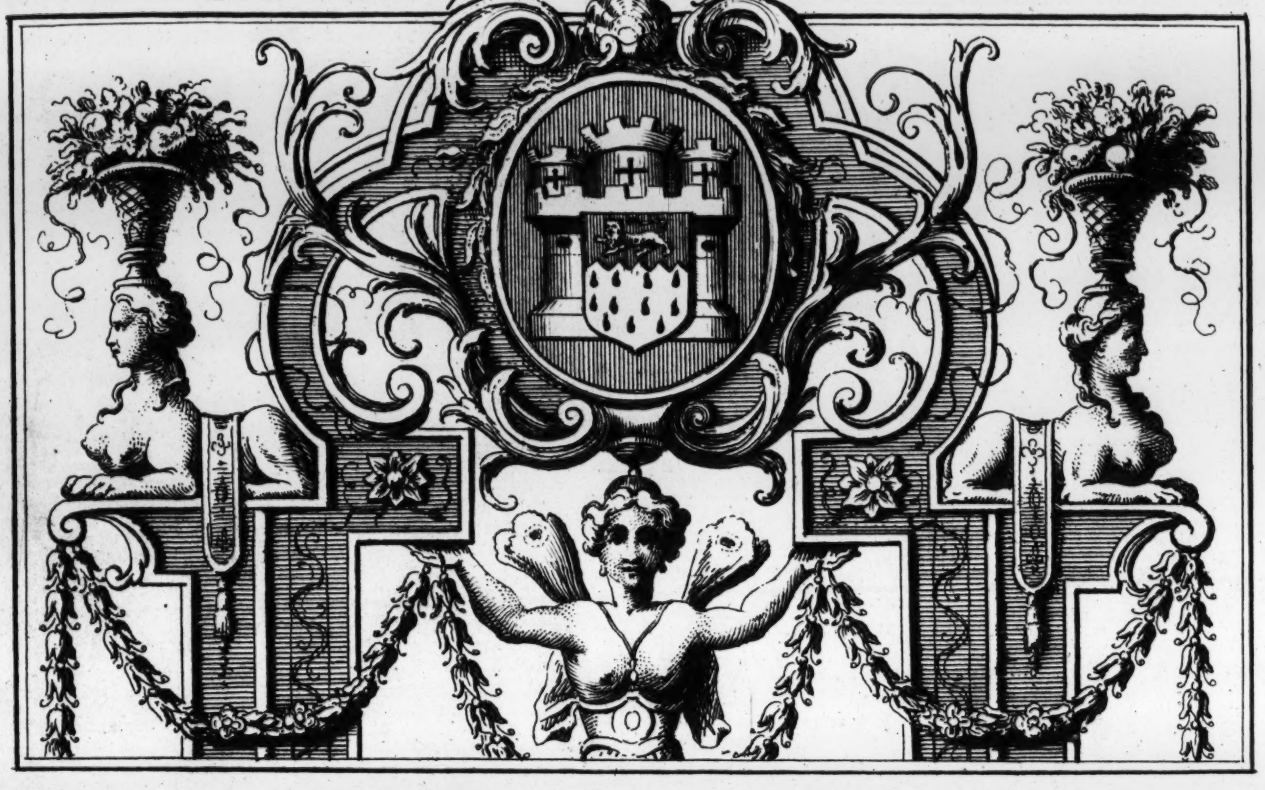
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From Darking to Cold-harbour Hill 3-0. to Stonestreet 2-4. to Okewood Bridge 1-7. to Rohook 3-1 to Arun River 1-4. to Buckman Corner 3 to Billingherst 1-7. to Moulsey 1-5. to Wickenholt 4-5 to Parham 2-3 to Amberly 1-1. to Houghton 1-5. to Arundel 2-6. in all 31-1. Furlong. from London 55-4.

According to Act of Parliament 1751. by G. Bickham

The Arms of the City of CHICHESTER.



SUSSEX.

Sussex is bounded on the West by Hampshire, on the North by Surrey, on the North-East and East by Kent, and on the South by the English Channel.

Its Name is explained by its Situation, and signifies as much as South-Sax.

The Air is here various; along the Sea-shore aguish; in the Weald foggy, but not unwholesom; upon ye Downs, sweet and healthy. The Soil varies equally; the Downs yielding a fine Grass, to feed Sheep; the Middle of the Country Meadows, and rich arable Land; the North Parts Wood, which affords Fuel for the Iron Works. The principal Rivers here are Arun, famous for Mullets, Adur, Ouse, & Rother, which all discharge themselves to the South.

In this plentiful Country the Commodities are numerous, as Corn, Cattle, Malt, Wool, Wood, Glass, Fish, Fowl,

and

Sussex.

and Iron; which last is also a considerable Manufacture.

The Wheat-Ear, a small delicious Bird, not much inferior to an Ortolan, is taken on the South-East Downs. Besides the Arundel Mullet, the Chichester Lobster, ye Amerley Trout, the Selsey Cockle, and the Sussex Carp, are all deservedly admired.

The Number of great Families in this County makes the Conversation polite: But the ruder Clafs of Inhabitants are famous for Smuggling, for which they lie exceedingly convenient.

Sussex, beſides the two Knights of the Shire, sends to Parliament Representatives for

Chichester,	Lewes,	Steyning,
Horsham,	Shoreham,	East-Grinsted,
Midhurst,	Bramber;	Arundel.

Chichester is a neat compact little City, having four Gates to the four Cardinal Points, & a Street leading from each to ye Center, where they all meet. In the Cathedral are Pictures of all the Kings from Cissa down to this Time. Lewes is a Place of great Antiquity, large, and containing many handsom Houses.

Sussex shews the Remains of several Camps, Roman, British, and Danish. St. Rooke's Hill affords a delightful Prospect, both by Sea and Land. In 1723 was discovered ye Foundation-Stone of a Temple of Neptune, built in the Reign of ye Emperor Claudius. Charlton Forest,

belonging

Sussex,

belonging to the Duke of Richmond, hath seven charming Vistas, shooting from its Center like the Rays of a Star. The Village of Charlton is famous for its meeting of Foxhunters. Beachy Head is infamous for the Number of Ships lost there, in stormy Weather, and for an inglorious Sea Fight off it in King William's Reign. At Pevensey Haven William the Conqueror landed, and afterwards defeated and slew Harold at the Place now called Battle Abbey. Winchelsea, now a poor Town, was a noble City till swallowed up by the Sea in 1250.

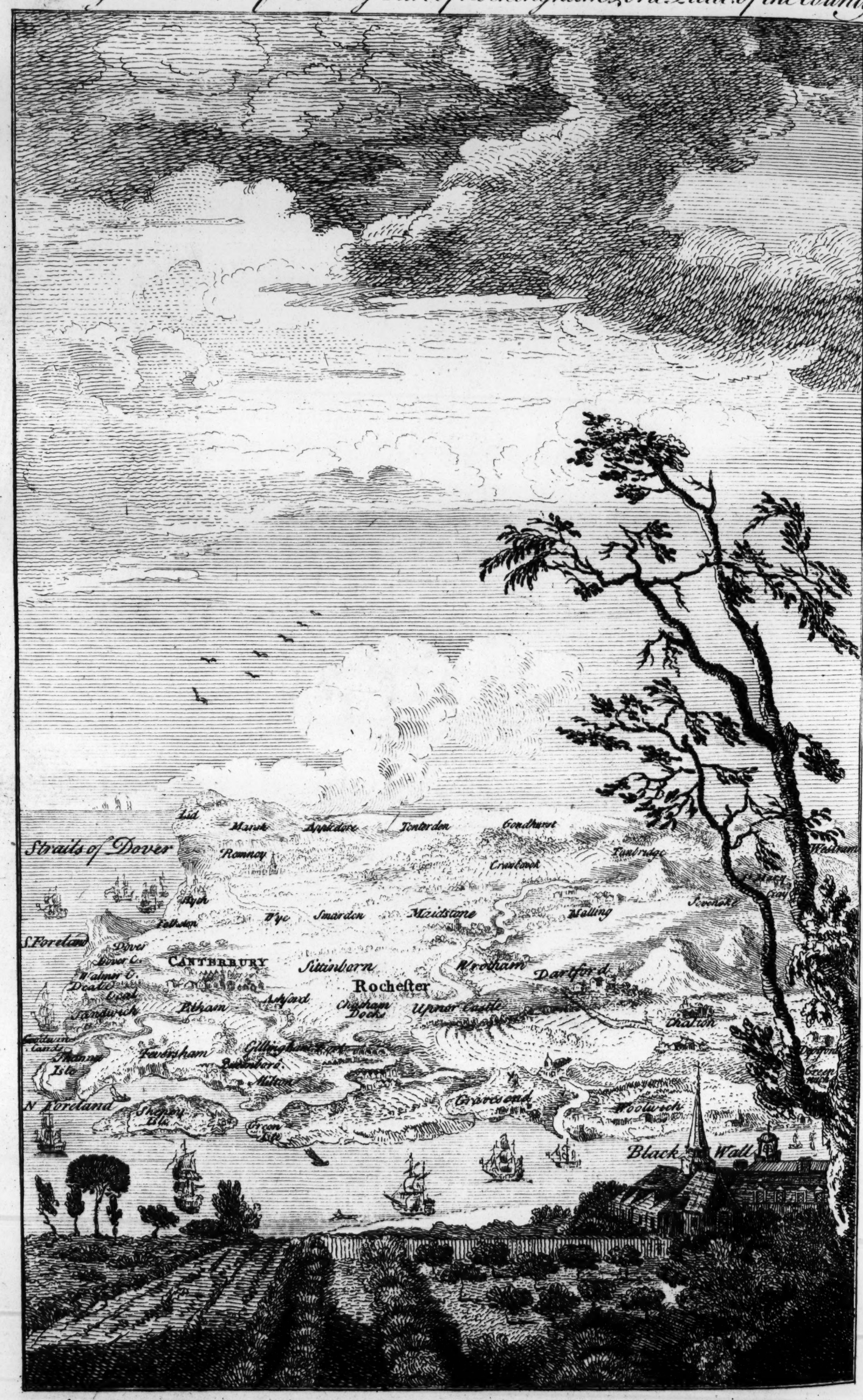
Noblemen's Seats here are, Arundel-Castle, Duke of Norfolk's; Petworth, Duke of Somerset's; Goodwood, Duke of Richmond's; Halland, Duke of Newcastle's; Buckhurst, Duke of Dorset's; Halnaker, Earl of Darby's; Winchelsea & Ashburnham, belonging to the Earls of those Names; Bolbrook, Earl of Thanet's; Stanstead, Earl of Scarborough's; Up-Park, Earl of Tankerville's; Cowdrey, Lord Viscount Montague's; Earidge, Lord Abergavenney's; & Hills, Lord Irwin's.



A Roman Coin.

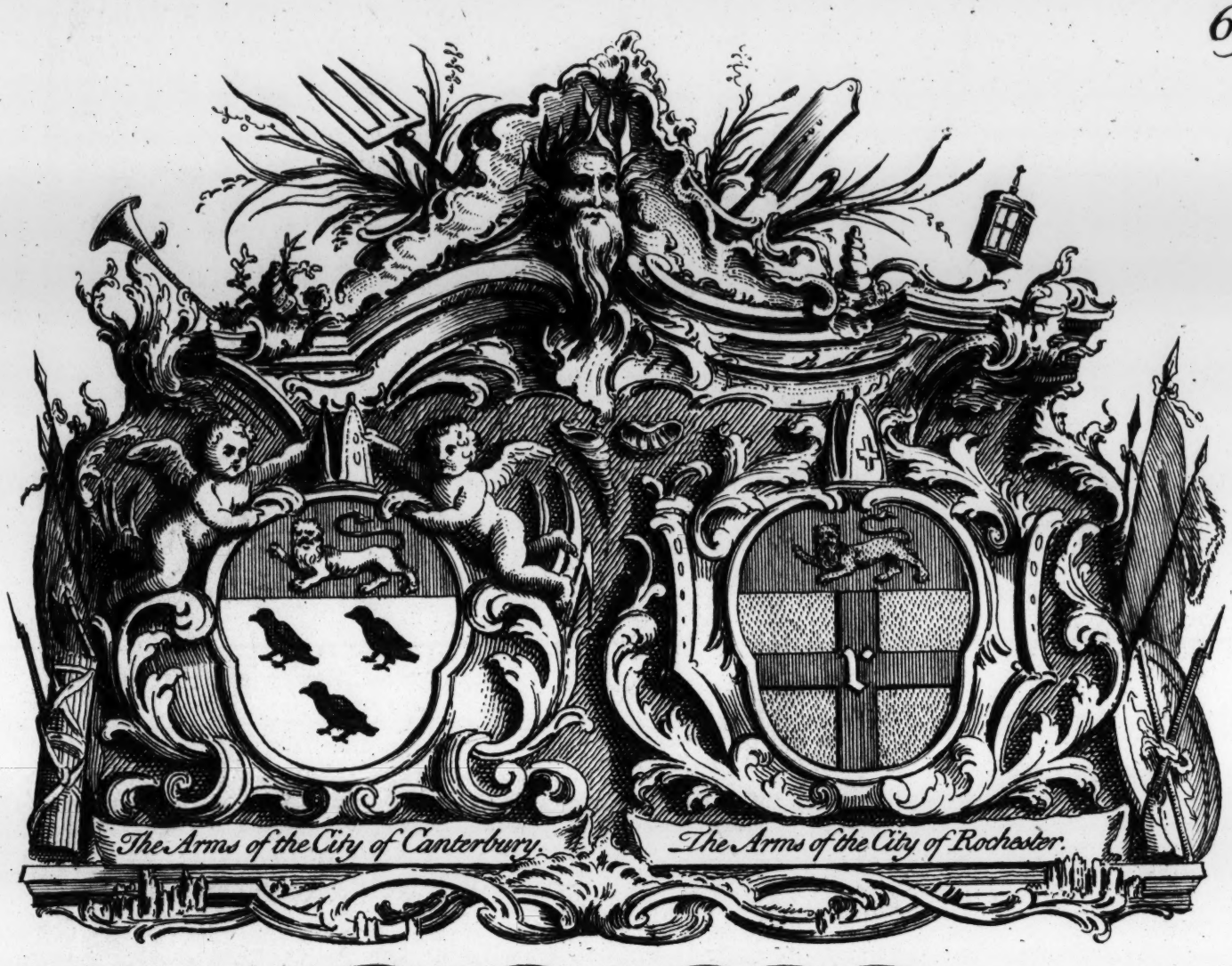
A Map of KENT. South from LONDON.

Humbly inscribd to y^e^ R^t^ Honble Earl of Rockingham Lord Lieut^t^ of the County



From London to Deptford 4-1. to Dartford 11-1. to Rochester 14-2. to Sittingborn 11. to Canterbury 14-2. to Dover 15. in all from London 69-6.

1751. According to Act of Parliament by G. Bickham



KENT.

This County is bounded on the North by the River Thames, on the South by the Channel & Sussex, on ye West by Surrey, and on the East by the German Sea.

It is liable to Inconveniences from the Vicinity of the Sea; but the worst Parts of Kent are not so unhealthy as the worst Parts of Essex. The higher Parts of the County are healthy & the Soil is generally good. Corn, Cattle, Fruit, particularly Pippins, Codlins & Cherries, Woad & Madder for dying, Hops, Wood, Flax, Saint-foin, Samphire, Fowl and Fish, especially Fordwich Trout, are its chief Commodities. Medway, on which is ye famous Royal Dock at Chatham, is ye chief River peculiar to this County.

The Inhabitants, tho' most open to Invasions from the Continent, justly boast of preserving more antient Privileges than any

of

KENT.

of their Fellow Subjects.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, chosen at Maidstone, and the four Citizens for Canterbury and Rochester, Kent sends to Parliament ten Burgesses, two for each of ye following Towns.

Maidstone, Queenborough, Dover,
Rumney, and Sandwich.

Canterbury is antient and large, was the first Seat of Christianity among the Saxons, and is now a Principal Receptacle of the French Protestants. Its Cathedral is a noble Gothic Building.

Rochester, antient likewise, has one of the finest Bridges in Europe. Maidstone, another Old Place, is still large, populous, neat, and convenient for the County Business by being situated in the Center of it. Dover, the great Thoroughfare between England & France, has been much larger than it now is, and is noted for a Castle said to be begun by Julius Cæsar.

Greenwich Hospital, for antient and disabled Seamen, and Woolwich Dock and Warren, added to those at Chatham, for building and furnishing Men of War, are two of the great Ornaments of this County. Tunbridge Wells is a great Resort of the Gentry, both on account of the Waters, and the Pleasantness of the Place. Deptford, a very large Village, is also of great Use to the Navy. As to Antiquities, a large Camp near Woolwich, part of the Roman Watling-Street Road at Shooter's Hill, Monumental Hillocks on Black Heath,

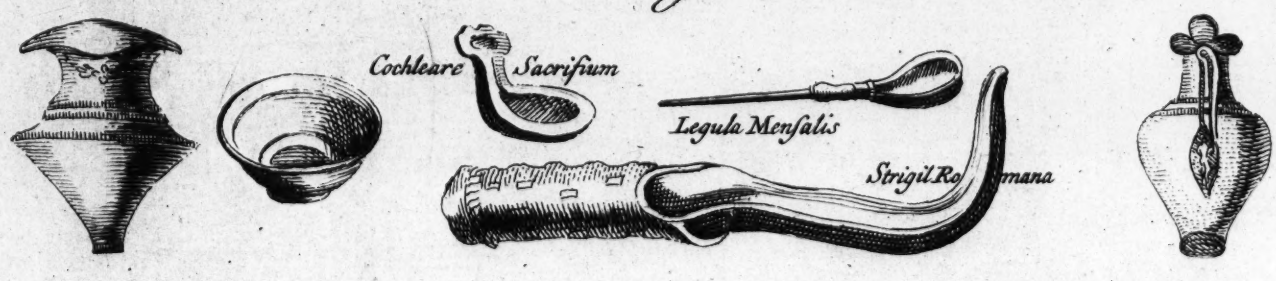
and

KENT.

and a Monument of Stones near Aylesford, are some of ye principal.

Noblemen's Seats here are Knowle, the Duke of Dorset's; Heathfield, Earl of Thanet's; Eastwell, Earl of Winchelsea's; Penshurst, Earl of Leicester's; Leigh's-Court, Earl of Rockingham's; Chevening, Earl Stanhope's; Westram, Earl of Jersey's; Aylesford, Earl of Aylesford's; on Black-Heath, Earl of Dartmouth's; Wingham, Earl Cowper's; Hover-Castle, Earl of Waldegrave's; Leeds-Castle, Lord Fairfax's; Charlton, Lord Percival's; Linsted-Lodge, Lord Teynham's; Fair-Lawn, Lord Barnard's; and Motte, Lord Rumney's.

Roman Antiquities, found at Reculver, in this County.



A British Monument, called Kitts Coty House, near Maidstone.



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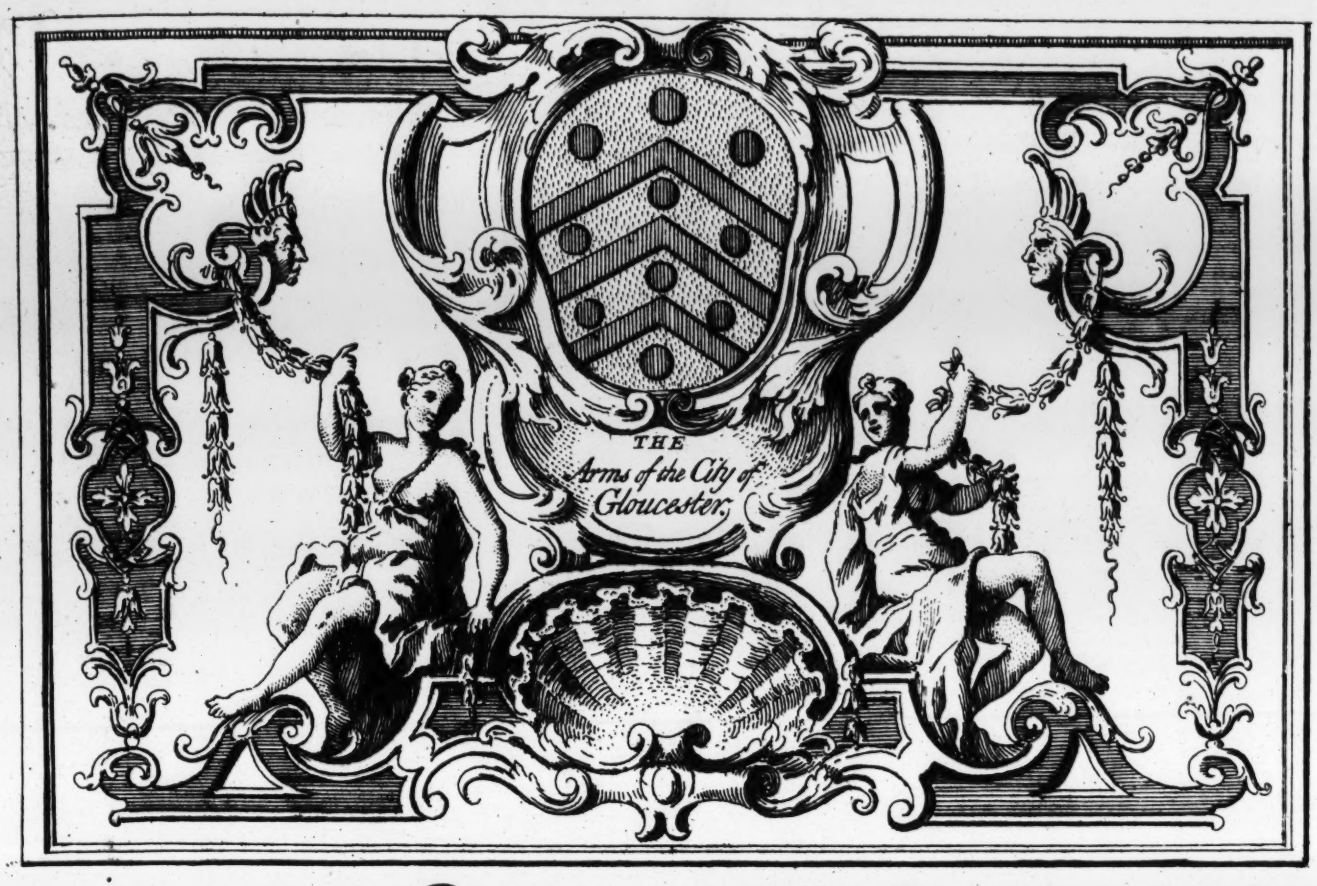
A Map of GLOCESTER SHIRE N. West from London

Humbly Insorbid to y^e^ R^t^ Honble y^e^ Earl of Berkeley, Lord Lieut.^t^ of the County.



From Bristol to Sodbury 11-5, to Tetbury 11-6, to Cirencester 30-1, to Glocester 20-1 to Tewksbury 10-2, in all 83-7 from London to Glocester 81 m.

According to Act of Parliament by G Bickham 1751.



GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

This County borders on the North upon Worcestershire, & *Part of* Warwickshire; *on the East upon the Counties of* Warwick, Oxford, Berks, *and* Wilts; *on the South upon* Wiltshire *and* Somersetshire; & *on the West upon the Shires of* Monmouth & Hereford. *Its Name is from ye Capital, which signifies* Fair City.

Of the three Divisions of this County, Cotesvolde, *the hilly Eastern Part, has a sharp Air, but breeds abundance of Sheep; the* Vale, *on both sides the* Severn (*the principal River in* Gloucestershire) *produces that fine Cheese we so well know, and enjoys a mild Air; the* Forest of Dean, *bordering upon* Monmouth & Hereford *Shires, has Pasture, Tillage, fine Oaks, and Mines of Iron & Coal. The Cloathing Trade has been greater here formerly then at present; but* Gloucestershire *has still a considerable part in this Manufacture, and*

produces

Gloucestershire.

produces Corn, Salmon, Cyder, & Bacon, besides the Commodities we have mentioned. Gloucestershire sends two Knights of the Shire, & two other Representatives for each of the following Places.

Gloucester, Cirencester, Tewksbury.

Gloucester is antient, pleasant, and has a venerable Old Cathedral. As the Inhabitants are not so noted for Industry as those of Bristol, their Trade is much gone off to this City. Cirencester is also antient, and has been very large, as appears by the present Roman Ruins.

Among the Curiosities of this County, the principal is that beautiful Collection of Painted Glass in Fairford Church, which, in twenty eight Windows, exhibits the chief Histories of the Old and New Testament. It was taken in a Prize Ship, in the Reign of Henry VII, by Mr. John Tame, who built ye Church in order to put it up. The Designs are Albert Durer's, & in the opinion of Sir Anthony Vandyke, can hardly be exceeded by the Pencil. Roman Pavements have been found at Wood-Chester & Cromhall. Cheltenham has fine Medicinal Waters. The Bristol Stones are found in a Rock, on the side of the Avon next this County, thro' which lay two of the great Roman Highways.

Noblemen's Seats are Great-Badminton, Duke of Beaufort's; Berkley-Castle, Earl of Berkley's; Course-Court, Earl of Coventry's; Stowel, Earl of Stafford's; Cambden-house Earl of Gainsborough's; at Cirencester, Lord Bathurst's; Sandywell, Lord Conway's; High-Meadows, Lord Gage's; Over-Norton, Viscount Say & Sele's; Kempsford, Viscount Weymouth's.

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A Map of OXFORDSHIRE North West from London

Humbly inscribd to his Grace ye Duke of Marlboro Lord Lieut.t of ye County.



From Henley to Watlington 8–1 to Oxford 11– to Islip 8–3 to Banbury 17–1 in all 44– 5 from London to Oxford 55–6

According to Act of Parliam.t G. Bickham 1751

The Arms of the City of Oxford.



OXFORDSHIRE.

Oxfordshire, so called from the Capital City, is bounded on ye North by the Counties of Warwick and Northampton; on the East, by Buckinghamshire; on the South & South West, by Berkshire; and on the West, by Gloucestershire.

The Air of this County, which is free from Fens or standing Waters, is sweet & wholesom equally with any. The Soil is various, but in general fertile both for Corn & Grass. As to Manufactures, that of Blankets at Witney is the principal. The chief Commodities produced here are Corn, Malt, Cattle, Fruit, Freestone, several Sorts of Earth useful in Medicine, Scouring, and Dying. The River Isis, which enters this County from Gloucestershire, receives the Tame at Dorchester, and this Junction makes the famous Thames. The Charwell falls into ye Isis at Oxford, after having watered great Part of the County. Banbury sends but one Member to Parliament, which, with the two for the Shire, and two for each of the following Places, make in all Nine:

Oxford City, University, Woodstock.

Oxford,

Oxfordshire.

Oxford, antient, beautiful, and large, is delightfully Seated for the Residence of the Muses. It boasts its Theater, a magnificent Structure, the Bodleian Library, one of the Noblest Collections of Books, and the Ashmolean Musæum, one of the richest Repositories of Curiosities, in the World; not to mention Dr. Radcliffe's new Library, & besides ye twenty Colleges following.

Names.	Founders.	when founded.
1, University College	King Alfred the Great	Anno 883,
2, Baliol College	John Baliol, Father to the King of Scots	1262,
3, Merton College	Walter Merton, Bishop of Rochester	1267,
4, Exeter College	Walter Stapleton, Bishop of Exeter	1316,
5, Oriel College	King Edward II	1324,
6, Queen's College	Robert Eggleſfield, in Honour of Q. Philippa	1340,
7, New College	Willm. of Wickham, Bishop of Winchester	1375,
8, Lincoln College	Richd. Fleming, Bishop of Lincoln	1420,
9, All Souls College	Hen: Chicheley, Bishop of Canterbury	1437,
10, Magdalen College	Wm. of Wainfleet, Bishop of Winchester	1459,
11, Brazen-Nose College	Wm Smith, Bishop of Lincoln	1515,
12, Corpus Christi College	Richd. Fox, Bishop of Winchester	1516,
13, Christ Church College	Cardinal Wolsey, & K. Henry VIII	1549,
14, Trinity College	Sir Thomas Pope	1555,
15, St. John Baptist College	Sir Thos. White, Ld. Mayor of London	1557,
16, Jesus College	Bp. Hugh Price, & Queen Elizabeth	1572,
17, Wadham College	Nics. Wadham Esq: & Dorothy his Widow	1613,
18, Pembroke College	Thos. Teisdale, & Richd. Wightwick	1624,
19, Worcester College	Sir Thomas Cooke	1700,
20, Hertford College	By Patent from K. George II	1740,

And these five Halls:

Alban Hall, Edmund Hall, St. Mary's Hall, New Inn Hall, and St. Mary Magdalen Hall.

Woodstock

OXFORDSHIRE.

Woodstock was anciently famous as a Royal Manour, and for the Labyrinth built there by King *Henry* II, for his Concubine *Rosamond*: It is so at present for the Grant made of this Manour to ye Duke of *Marlborough*, and the Stately Palace of *Blenheim*, erected at the Public Charge, in memory of his Victory near a Village of that Name, in *Germany*. — *Dorchester* was once a great City, and Episcopal See.

Curiosities in this County are, a Tesselated Pavement, found near *Woodstock*; Remains of a *Roman* City, at *Aldcester*; a Petrifying Water, near *Somerton*; very ancient *British* & *Roman* Coins; Remains of the Consular Way, called *Akeman Street*; and *Rollerich Stones*, supposed to be erected by *Rollo* the Danish Leader.

Noblemen's Seats here, besides *Blenheim* already mentioned, are *Atterbury*, the Duke of *Argyle's*; *Heythorp*, Earl of *Shrewsbury's*; *Rycot*, Earl of *Abingdon's*; *Ditchley*, Earl of *Litchfield's*; *Sherburn-Castle*, Earl of *Macclesfield's*; *Charlbury*, Earl of *Plymouth's*; *Cornbury*, Earl of *Clarendon's*; *Stanton-Harcourt*, Viscount *Harcourt's*; *Caversham*, Lord *Cadogan's*.

Blenheim House.



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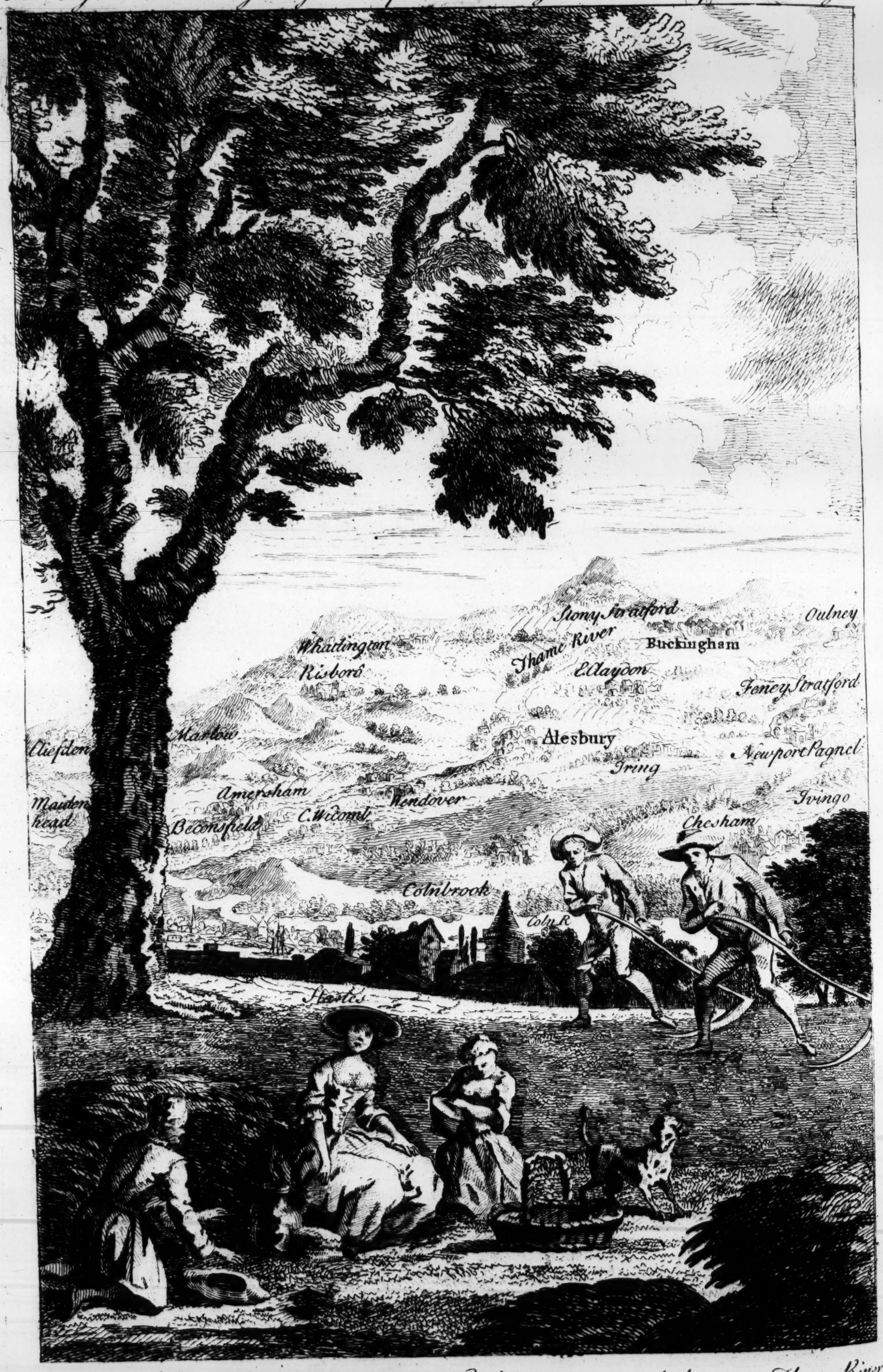
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A Map of BUCKINGHAMSHIRE North West from London.

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Beconsfield to Amersham 10-6 to Wendover 9-5 to Aylesbury 5 to Thame River 1-7 to Claydon 8 to Buckingham 6-4 from London 44

According to Act of Parliam.^t G Bickham

The Arms of Buckingham.



Buckinghamſhire.

Buckinghamſhire, ſo called from the Saxon Word Buc, is bounded on the East by Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire & Middlesex; on the South, by Berkshire; on ye West by Oxfordshire; and on the North, by Northamptonshire.

The Air in general is good, eſpecially in ye higher Parts. The Soil, for the moſt Part a Chalk or Marle, is ſo very rich, that this County is famous to a Proverb for Bread & Beef. Here are great Manufactures of Bone-Lace and Paper. The natural Commodities, beſides thoſe mentioned, are Timber, eſpecially Beech, fine Wool, and Sheep ſo large, that Ten Pounds has been given for a ſingle Ram. Beſides the Thames, which waſhes its ſouthern Borders, ye chief Rivers of Buckinghamſhire are the Colne and the Ouſe.

Beſides the two Knights, this County ſends to Parliament two Repreſentatives for each of the following Boroughs:

Buckingham,	*Ailesbury,*	*Chipping Wicomb,*
Great Marlow,	*Wendover,*	*Agmondesham.*

Buckingham

Buckinghamshire.

Buckingham is old, has a ruinous Castle, and three stone Bridges over the *Ouse*: *Ailesbury*, antient likewise, is become, thro' ye Conveniency of its Situation, the most populous and best Trading Town in the County. *Chipping Wicomb*, or *High Wickham*, has one noble large Street.

Curiosities here are the *Chiltern Hills*, remarkable for being covered with Stones, which yet promote the Fertility of the Ground. The famous *Watling Street Way* croses this County. An artificial Cave was found near *Cliefden*, some Years since, ninety Foot deep, & thirty Foot in Circumference; the Bottom hewn out of a hard Rock. In 1665 an Earthquake shook this County.

Cliefden-house, begun by *George Villiers* Duke of *Buckingham*, carried on by the late Earl of *Orkney*, and finish'd by the present Prince of *Wales*, deserves rather the Name of a Palace than a Seat. *Stowe*, near *Buckingham*, the Seat of Viscount *Cobham*, has the finest Gardens in *England*. Other Noblemen who have Residences here are, the Duke of *Bridgewater*, at *Ashridge*; Duke of *Devonshire*, at *Latimers*; Duke of *Montagu*, at *Ditton-Park*; Duke of *Portland*, at *Bulstrode*; Duke of *Bedford*, at *Cheney*; Earl of *Hertford*, at *Piercy-Lodge*; Earl of *Chesterfield*, at *Ascot*; Lord *Dormer*, at *Peterley*.

British Coins.



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A Map of BEDFORDSHIRE North from London

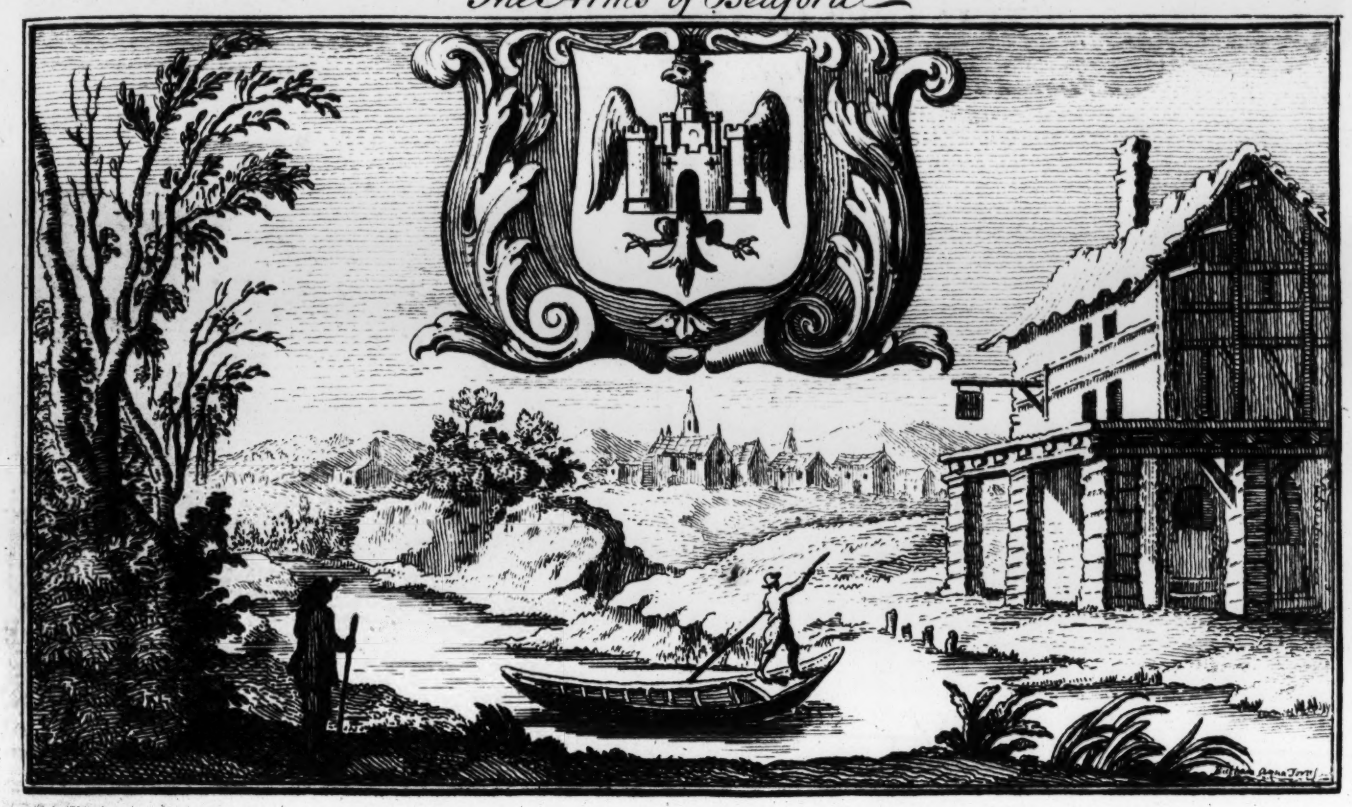
Humbly Inscrib'd to his Grace y^e^ Duke of Bedford Lord Lieut.^t^ of the County



From Market Street to Dunstable 3-7 to Lutton 4-6 to Burton Clay 7-7 to Willsumsted 6-2 to Elviston 2.0 to Bedford 2.2 from London 49.1

According to Act of Parliam.^t^ by G Buck

The Arms of Bedford



Bedfordshire

This County, so called from Bed (Lodging) and Ford, (a Paſsage over a River) is bounded on the North by Northampton & Huntingdon Shires, on the West by Buckinghamſhire, on the South by Hertfordſhire, and on the East by Part of the ſame and Cambridgeshire.

The Air of Bedfordshire is temperate, clear, and conſequently healthful; the Soil exceeding fertile, especially on the North ſide of the Ouſe. Fullers Earth, of so great Conſequence to the Cloathing Trade, that the Exportation of it is forbid by Act of Parliament, is one of the moſt valuable Commodities: Beſides which, here are Cattle, Veniſon, Fowl, Timber, Woad, Wheat and Barley in great Plenty, and remarkably good. Great Quantities of Grain are ſent down the Ouſe to King's Lynn, where it is Shipp'd for Holland. As to the Manufactures, the chief are Bone Lace, & Straw Wares, particularly Women's Hats.

Among

Bedfordshire

Among the rare Plants found in this County, none is more worthy our Notice than the Woad, which being of great Advantage to those who deal in it, it may not be improper in this Place to give an Account of the Manner of cultivating it.

It is sown every Year, and the old Woad plucked up, unless that which is saved for Seed: The Time of Sowing it is the beginning of March, & it is cropp'd about ye Middle of May. In a dry Year it is best; but grows more plentifully in a wet one. It is usually cropp'd three or four Times a Year, according as it comes up; but the first Crop is the best, & every one afterwards gradually worse. As soon as it is cropt, it is carried to the Woad-Mill, and ground as small as may be, 'till it becomes fit to ball: When ball'd, it is laid upon Hurdles to dry, and afterwards ground into Powder: Thus ground, it is spread on a Floor, & water'd, which is call'd Couching: Here it smoaks & heats, and is turned every Day 'till it is perfectly dry and mouldy, and this is called Silvering. After Silvering it is weighed, & put in a Bag, containing 200 Weight, and then sent to the Dyer as fit for Sale, who tries how it will dye, and sets a Price accordingly. The best Woad is worth 18 Pounds a Ton.

With this Plant the antient Britons used to dye their Bodies, to appear the more terrible to their Enemies: And by them it was called Cæruleous, or Sky-colour'd.

Besides

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Besides the Ouse, which divides this County into two Parts, meandring thro' a Course of seventy Miles in the Distance of twenty, the principal River here is the Ivel, which falls into ye former about half Way between Bedford & St. Neots.

Representatives in Parliament are only four, two for the County, and two for the single Borough

Bedford.

This Town is well built, especially the High Street, and very populous. There is now a fine Bowling-Green, where the Castle formerly stood. Dunstable, a well inhabited Place, has no Springs, but is well supplied always with Rain Water from four Public Ponds. Woburn, almost consumed by Fire, has been handsomely rebuilt within these few Years past.

Curiosities in Bedfordshire are, Roman Urns at Sandy, & Coins both there & near Dunstable; Maidin-Bourg, a large fortified Camp; a small Stream near Woburn, that gives Wood the Appearance of Stone. Some Years ago a Gold Mine was discover'd at Pollux-Hill, which is now neglected, the Profit falling short of the Expence.

Noblemen's Seats are, Woburn Abbey, the Duke of Bedford's (His Grace, now first Lord of the Admiralty, having here a fine Yatcht, in a most Magnificent Bason) Wrest-house, the Honourable Mr. Yorke's; who Married the Marchioness de Grey, Heiress of the last Duke of Kent; at Ampthill, the Earl of Ailesbury's; Bletsoe, Lord St. John's of Bletsoe; Hannes, Earl Granville's; & Bromhall, Lord Trevor's.

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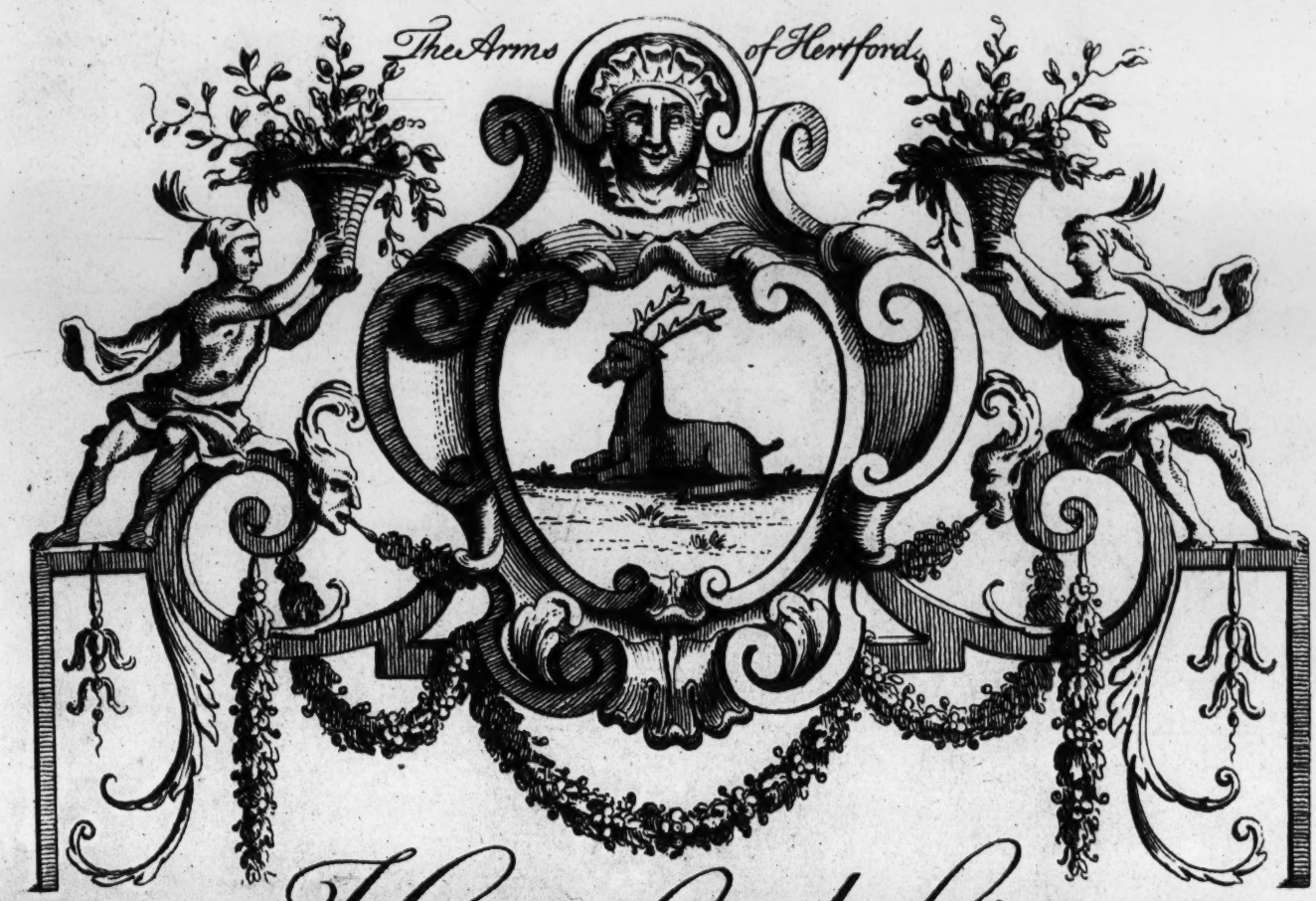
A Map of HERTFORD SHIRE North from London

Humbly Inscribd to the Rt Hon.ble the Earl of Essex Lord Lieutenant of this County



From Barnet to N Mims 3-6 to Ridge Hill 1-4 to Coney 1 5 to St. Albans 2-6 to Stevenage 10-2 to Baldock 6-1 in all 26 Miles St. Albans from London 21-5 Furlongs.

According to Act of Parliament by G Bickham 1751



Hertfordshire.

Probably so called from Hert (Hart) and Ford, is bounded on the North by Cambridgeshire, on the East by Essex, on the South by Middlesex, and on the West by the Counties of Buckingham and Bedford.

The Air is so clear and healthy, that it is commonly recommended by Physicians to Valetudinarians, on which account Lands sell here at an extraordinary Price. The Soil is for the most part rich, but in the northern Parts has a Mixture of Marl, which makes it produce excellent Wheat & Barley; & these, with Malt and Wood, are the chief Commodities. The Pastures & Meadows are reckoned but indifferent: Nor are here any considerable Manufactures.

Principal Rivers are the Lea, which for the most Part divides this County from Essex, and the Coln, which crosses the West Part of the County from North to South.

Besides

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, here are only four Burgesses chosen to the Parliament, for the Towns of

Hertford, and St. Albans.

Hertford, the Shire Town, formerly famous, has lost much of its ancient Grandure to **Ware**, thro' which now runs the great Northern Road, and from whence there is good Navigation to **London**. The Site of St. **Albans** is near that of the antient **Verulamium**, the Capital of King **Cassibelan** when **Julius Cæsar** invaded this Island.

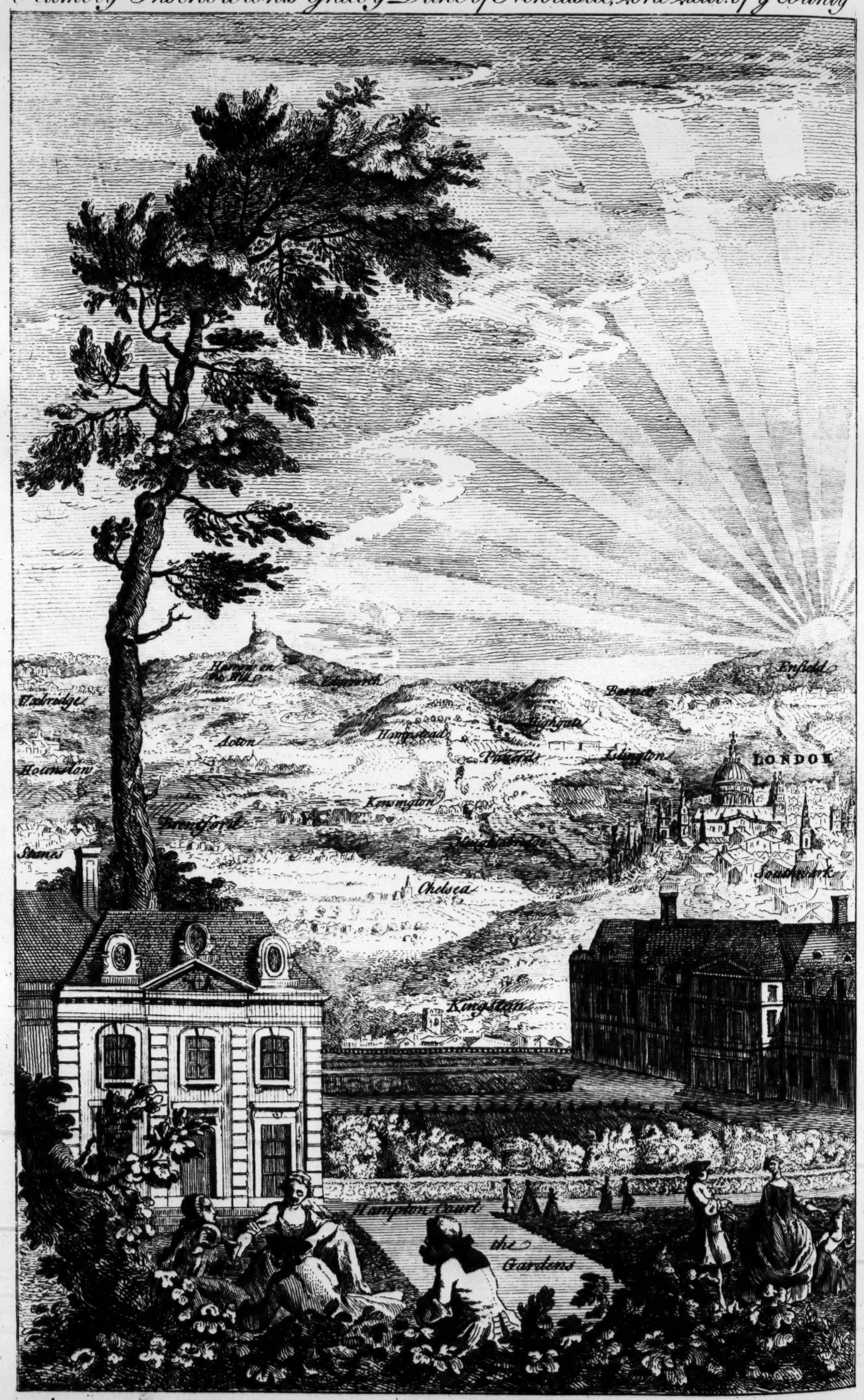
The present Town is large, handsome, and populous, having three Churches: That remaining of the Abbey is much visited by Travellers.

Curiosities are, the Body of **Humphrey** the good Duke of **Gloucester**, found in the said Abbey Church; Great Variety of Coins and Urns at **Estree**; Veins of Sea Sand, with Muscles among it, three Miles from **Rickmansworth**; Skeletons found between **Caldecot** & **Henxworth**, with Urns, Pateras, & Lacrymatories near them; & the Remains of a large **Roman** Camp in **Harborough** Field.

Noblemen's Seats are, **Holy-Well** at St. **Albans**, the late Dutchess of **Marlborough's**, now the Honourable Mr. **Spencer's**; **Aldenham**, the Duke of **Newcastle's**; **Hatfield**, the Earl of **Salisbury's**; **Cashiobury**, the Earl of **Essex's**; **Coln-Green**, Earl **Cowper's**; **Standon**, Lord **Afton's**; **Langley**, Lord **Raymond's**; **Totteridge**, the Earl of **Angleseas**; & **Gorhambury**, Lord **Grimston's**.

A Map of MIDDLESEX N. West from LONDON.

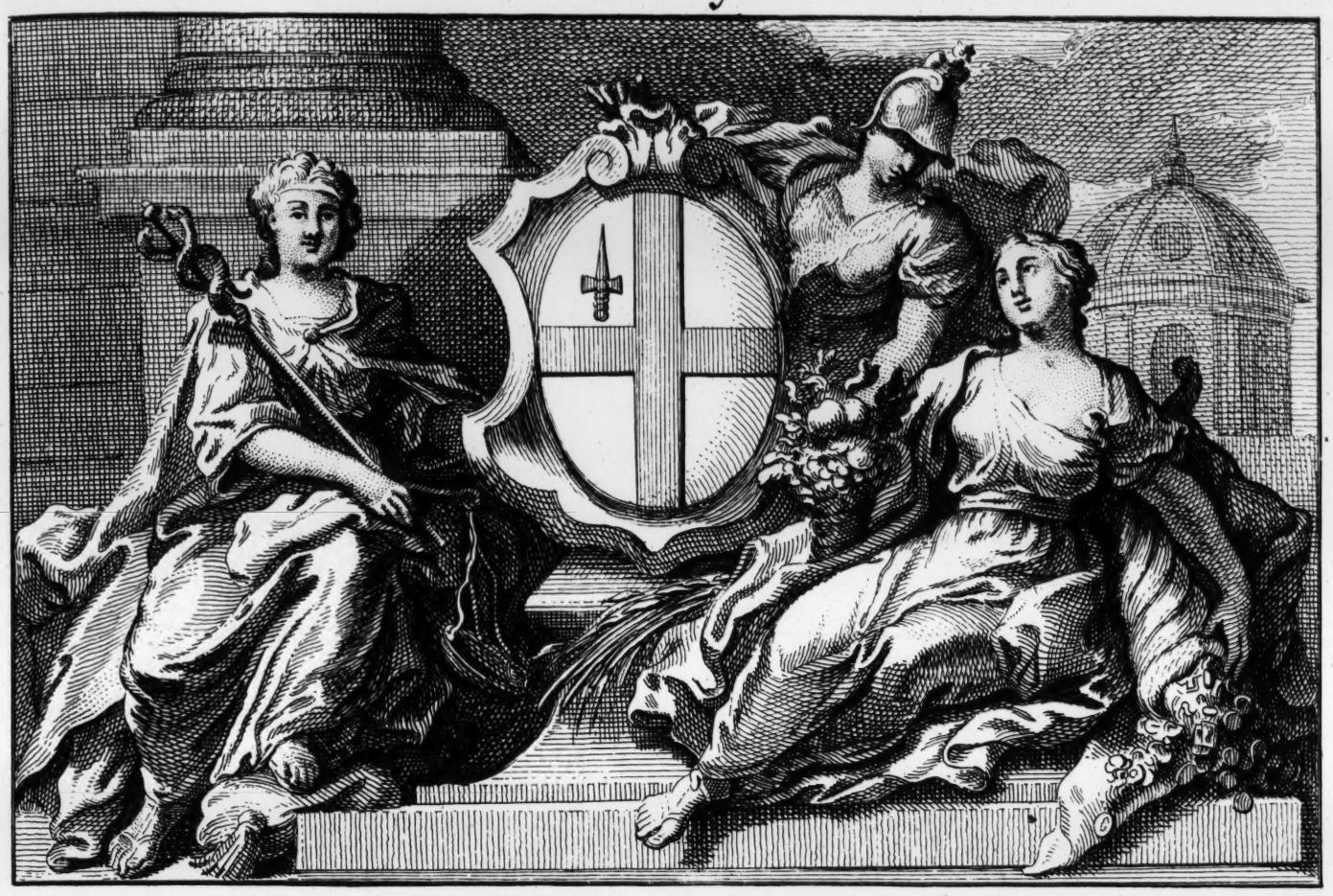
Humbly Inscrib'd to his Grace y^e^ Duke of Newcastle, Lord Lieut.^r^ of y^e^ County



From London to Stanes 16 m. Brentford 8. Hounslow 2 Stanes 6. from London to Uxbridge 15 m. from London to Edgworth 12-7 from London to Enfield 11-7. from London to Islington Church 2-3 lower Holloway 1-6 to Highgate 1-7 in all 5-7.

G: Bickham According to Act of Parliament. 1751.

The Arms of the City of LONDON.



Middlesex.

Middlesex (so called from its Situation between the East, West, and South Saxons) is bounded on the North by Hertfordshire, on the East is divided from Essex by the River Lea, on the South from Surrey by the Thames, and on the West from Buckinghamshire by the Coln.

The Air is extreamly Wholesom, not the great Populousness of London making it more subject to Epidemical Diseases than other Places, and the Country round it being a mere terrestrial Paradise. To this the Soil, which is generally a Gravel, is thought to contribute. For Corn it is equal to any Part of England, and for Pasture by Nature, and Gardening by Art, it excells ye whole Kingdom. The chief Commodities are Corn, Cattle, and Fruits, and the Manufactures too many to be enumerated.

Besides the Lea above mentioned, which is Navigable, the

Middlesex.

the Thames, with which no other Stream may compare, and the Colne, here are the River Brent, which falls into the Thames at Brentford, and the New River, which, being brought out of Hertfordshire by Art, supplies the greatest Part of the City of London with Water.

The two County Members are by Act of Parliament chosen at Brentford, which sends no Burgesses. The other Representatives are only Six Citizens: For

London, four..... Westminster, two.

We shall consider these united Cities as one, and divide them only when we come to speak of their Government.

In this large Sense then London extends along the Thames about Seven Miles and a Half, but not with proportionable Breadth. It is one of the most antient, as well as the largest City in Great Britain. The Number of Houses is by some computed at near 150,000, and the Inhabitants at above a Million: But perhaps Southwark ought to be included in this Computation, as well as in some others that follow.

London abounds in all the Necessaries & Conveniences of Life, for which it is chiefly indebted to the Thames, that is Navigable below from the Sea up to the Bridge for large Ships, and from several inland Counties above for great flat bottom'd Barges. In a Word, the Universe affords scarce any Thing useful or curious, that is not here to be purchased.—

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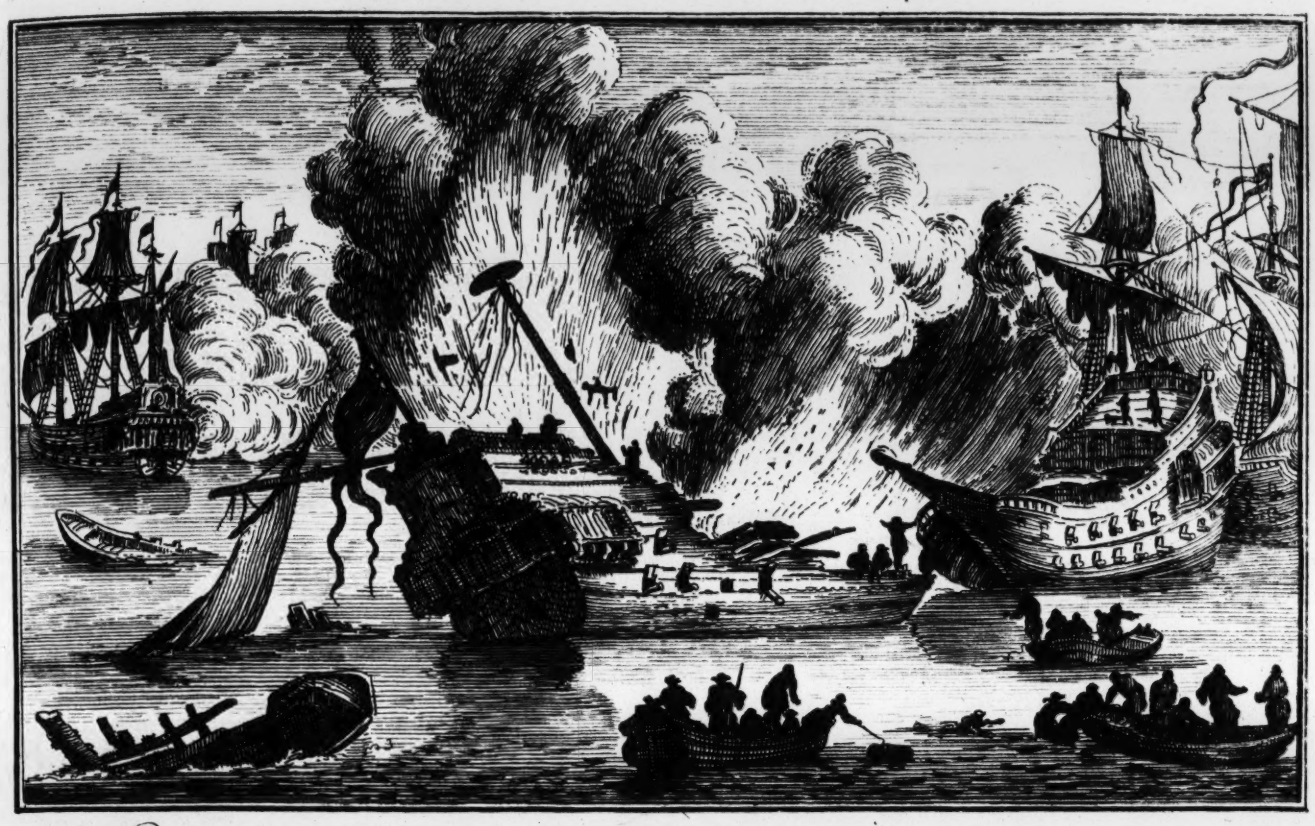
The Number of Parishes, within and without the Walls and Liberties, are near 140, for which there are upwards of 100 Churches; many Parishes being united since the great Fire in 1666. We do not give exact Numbers, because they continue increasing. Besides these the English Protestant Dissenters, and Foreign Christians of various Denominations, have many more than 100 Places of Worship: Not to mention the Jews, who have two large Synagogues.

S.t Paul's Cathedral is one of the most magnificent, and Westminster Abbey one of the most venerable Structures in Europe: And it is observed in general of y.e Churches in London, that tho' so numerous, they are all different in y.r Building. But those, as well as the other Publick Edifices, are too much hid in the Closeness & Irregularity of the Streets: A Defect that the great Sir Christopher Wren would have remedied, after the fatal Fire, if he could have got his new Plan of the whole City accepted.

The Number of fine Streets, many of them lately built, is very great; and of Squares, here is that spacious one of Lincolns-Inn-Fields, & the fine ones of S.t James's, Hanover, Grosvenor, Cavendish, Soho, Red-Lyon, Bloomsbury, Golden, Devonshire, Leicester-Fields, and many others. To mention Palaces & superb Houses would be almost endless. Let the Names of S.t James's, Montague, Buckingham, Marlborough, Burlington, Devonshire, Southampton, Powis, Lindsey and Leicester Houses suffice on this Article.

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The chief Fewel of London is Pit Coal from Newcaſtle, which becauſe brought up by Sea, is frequently called Sea Coal.

The Markets for Butchers Meat are Leadenhall, which alone might ſupply a large City, Whitechapple, the Borough in Southwark, Honey-Lane, Newgate, the Fleet, Spittle-Fields, Brooks, Clare, Hungerford, Newport, St. James's, Carnaby, and ſeveral more at the Extremities.

Bilingsgate is the ſole great Market for Fiſh; Covent-Garden the principal for Vegetables; Queenhithe and Bear-key for Grain; Smithfield for live Cattle, Straw & Hay, the two latter being alſo ſold in the Haymarket & Whitechapple; Leaden-hall for Hides & Leather; Blackwell Hall for Cloth, and all along ye Thames for Timber, Stone, Coals, Wood, & other Commodities.

Conveniences in London, beſides that of Water already mentioned, are the great Number of Boats, Carts, Coaches, and Chairs; by which Goods & Perſons may be ſoon carried from one Part to another; and the Penny Poſt, by which Buſineſs may be every Day tranſacted without going from home.

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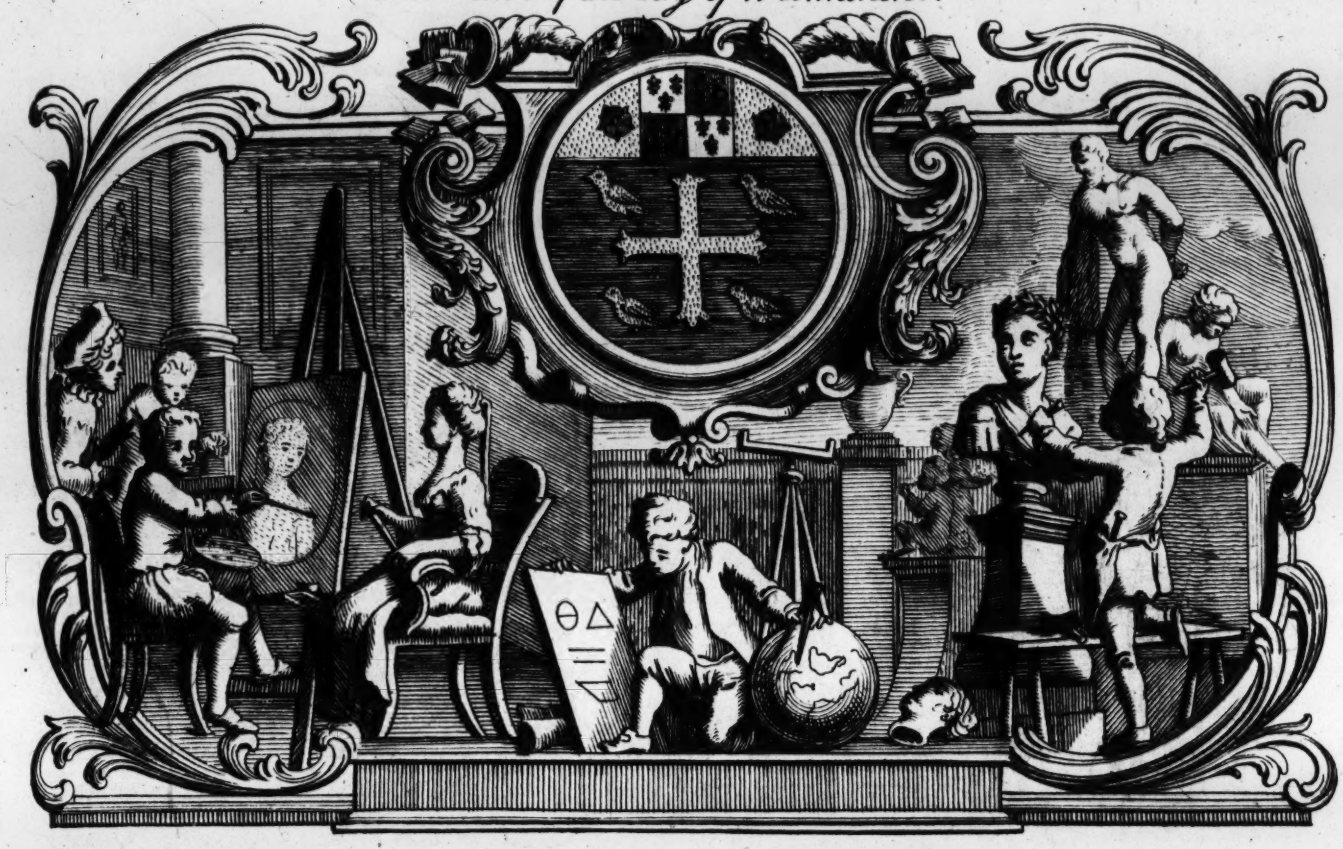
The Citizens, who in Proper London, but not in Westminster, have an exclusive Charter; are divided into 62 Companies. The twelve principal, from one of which every Lord Mayor used to be chosen, are,

Mercers,	Goldsmiths,	Salters,
Grocers,	Skinners,	Ironmongers,
Drapers,	Merchant Taylors,	Vintners,
Fishmongers,	Haberdashers,	Clothworkers.

The Walls of London are in most Parts demolished, but the Eight Gates are still remaining. Bishopsgate was not long since rebuilt, and some of the rest have been lately repair'd and beautified. Newgate and Ludgate are Prisons, the former for the County, and the latter for insolvent Citizens.

Among the other Publick Buildings, we will mention only the Tower, the Crown Arsenal, Prison, Mint, and Record-Office; the Custom House, where all Goods are enter'd; the London Old Bridge, and the New one erecting at Westminster; the Monument, to perpetuate the Memory of ye Fire; the Royal Exchange, where the general Trade of the Nation is chiefly carried on; Westminster & Guild Halls; the Two Temples; Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn, Serjeants Inn, & the Eight Inns of Chancery; the Colleges of Civilians, Physicians, Gresham, the Royal Society, the London Clergy at Sion, & the Heralds at Arms; the Schools of Westminster, St Paul's, Merchant Taylor's, & Mercer's Chapple; the Hospitals of Christ-Church, St Bartholomew's, Bedlam, St Thomas's, Guy's, the Charter-House, St George's, Westminster, Chelsea

The Arms of the City of Westminster.



MIDDLESEX.

Chelsea College, & Bridewell; the New Bank, the South-Sea & East-India Houses, y^e^ Offices of Treasury & Admiralty; to which might be added others not unworthy of Notice.

London is governed by a Lord Mayor (for whom a fine Mansion House is now erecting) twenty Six Aldermen, who of late Years are all Justices, two Sheriffs, a Recorder, Chamberlain, Common Council, and a great Number of Inferior Officers.

Here is a Sessions House, where the Sessions are held eight Times in a Year, for determining Criminal Causes within the City of London, and the County of Middlesex. In this Court the Lord Mayor sits as Judge, with the Recorder; but one or more of the 12 Judges, with some Aldermen, or other Justices of the Peace, are commonly on the Bench.

The Sessions House for the Justices of Peace of Middlesex is held at Hicks's Hall, in St John's Street, in the

Parish

Middlesex

Parish of Clerkenwell. Here the Grand Jury meets alſo eight Times a Year, to find the Bills of the Indictment of the Criminals, who are to be try'd thereupon at the Old Bailey.

Westminster has a High Steward, an Under-Steward, a High Bailiff and Conſtable, and fourteen Burgeſſes.

In the City and Liberties of Westminster are ten Pariſhes, viz. St. Margaret's, St. John the Evangeliſt's, St. Martin's in the Fields, St. James's, St. George's Hanover Square, St. Anne's, St. Paul's Covent Garden, St. Mary le Strand, the Precinct of the Savoy, and St. Clement's Danes.

The chief Curioſities in Middlesex are, the Phyſick Garden at Chelſea, the High Croſs at Tottenham, & ſeveral Remains of Roman Antiquities.

Beſides the Palaces of Kenſington & Hampton Court, this County has Sion-houſe, the Duke of Somerset's; Cannons, the Duke of Chandois's; Gerrard's Croſs, Duke of Portland's; Holland-houſe, Earl of Warwick's; Chiſwick, Earl of Burlington's; Villa Carey, Earl of Peterborough's; Cranford, Earl of Berkeley's; with others too numerous to be here inſerted.

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And stretch Commerce & Conquest as you plea

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A Map of ESSEX, N. East from London

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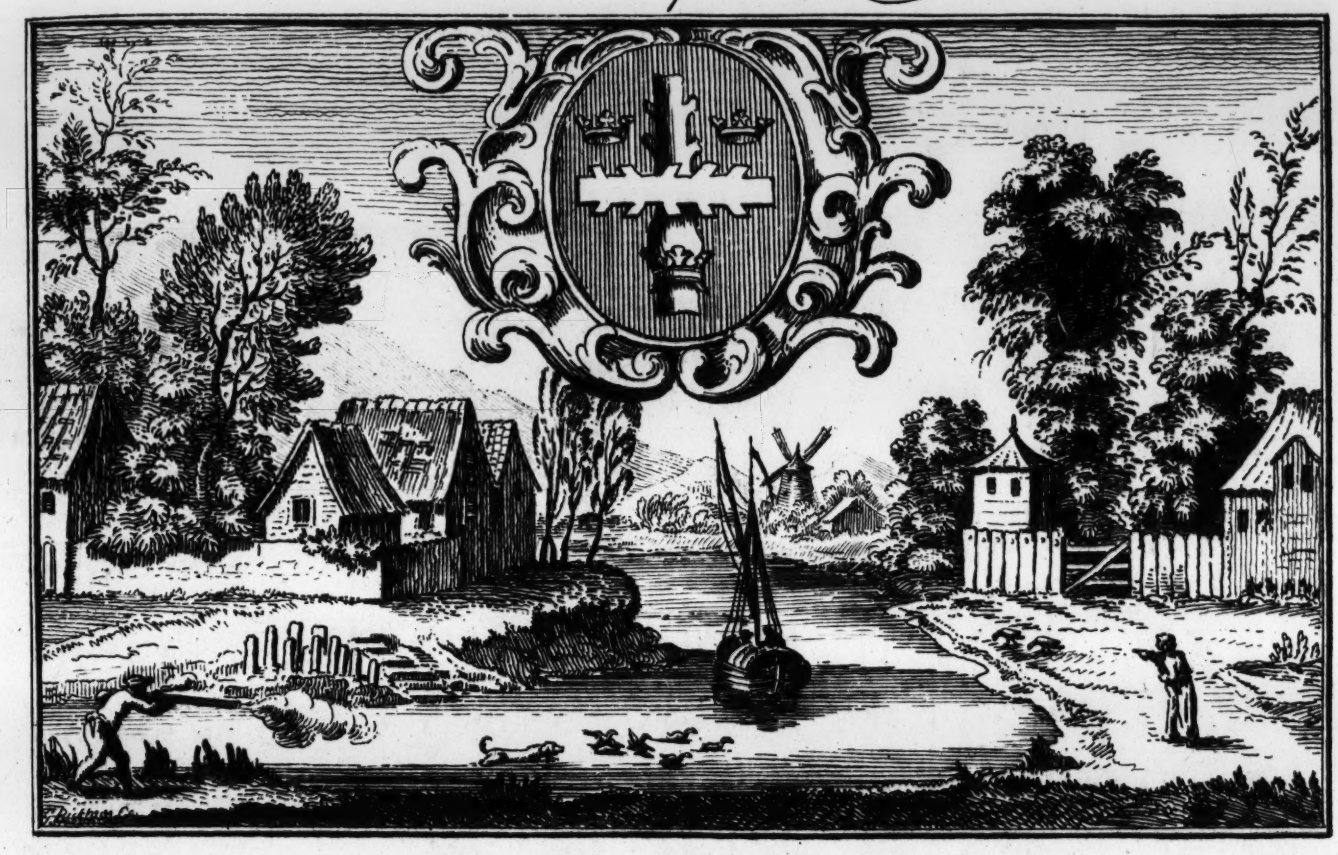


From Barking to Rumford 3-1 to Brentwood 6-0 to Chelmsford 10-5 to Witham 7-6 to Colchester 13-2 to Harwich 21-0 in all 62-6 Chelmsford from London 28-3

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The Arms of Colchester.



ESSEX.

Essex is bounded on the East by the German Ocean, on the South it is divided by the Thames from Kent, on the West from Middlesex and Hertfordshire by the Lea, and on the North from Suffolk by the Stour. Other principal Rivers are ye Colne, ye Blackwater, & the Chelmer.

The Air in the Hundreds, towards the Thames, is so bad, that a Person born elsnhere can seldom live in it. Hence many Farmers drive a kind of Traffic in Wives, nhich they inveigle from the Uplands; and some have buryd one in a Year to the Number of ten or tnelve. This gives ye nhole County an indifferent Character, tho' some of the Northern and Western Parts are equal to Middlesex or Hertfordshire. The Soil in general is very good, and particularly famous, about Saffron-Walden for bearing ye best Saffron in Europe. Fish, especially Oysters, are here in great Plenty, as also Corn, Cattle, and Fowl. The chief Manufactures are Cloths, Stuffs, and above all a prodigious Quantity of Bays.

Besides

ESSEX.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, Essex sends two Members to Parliament for each of the following Boroughs:

Colchester, Harwich, Maldon.

Chelmsford, near the Center of the County, tho' no Borough, is the chief Resort of the Gentry, and the Place where most of the County Business is transacted. But Colchester far exceeds it both in Grandure and Antiquity: It was distinguished in the Civil Wars for holding out a long Siege for ye King, and was at last reduced by Famine to surrender at Discretion. Maldon was the ancient Camolodunum, the first Roman Colony in Great Britain, settled by the Emperor Claudius. Harwich is well known for being the Passage to Holland and Flanders.

Curiosities in this County are the Roman Urns found at Layton; the Barrows, or pyramidal Hills, erected by Canute near Saffron-Walden; the Caverns formerly Granaries at East-Tilbury; a Roman Lamp and Urns, found at Coggeshall; King Harold's Coffin, found at Waltham-Abbey, with this plain Inscription, Harold Infelix! ye petrifying Spring near Harwich, which makes ye Clay Walls of that Town like Stone; the Custom of Dunmow Parva, where a Flitch of Bacon was given to the Man, who, a Year and a Day after Marriage, should make oath, with his Knees upon two pointed Stones, that he had neither repented nor quarrel'd with his Wife: (The Record mentions three Men who within 500 Years won this Flitch;)

ESSEX.

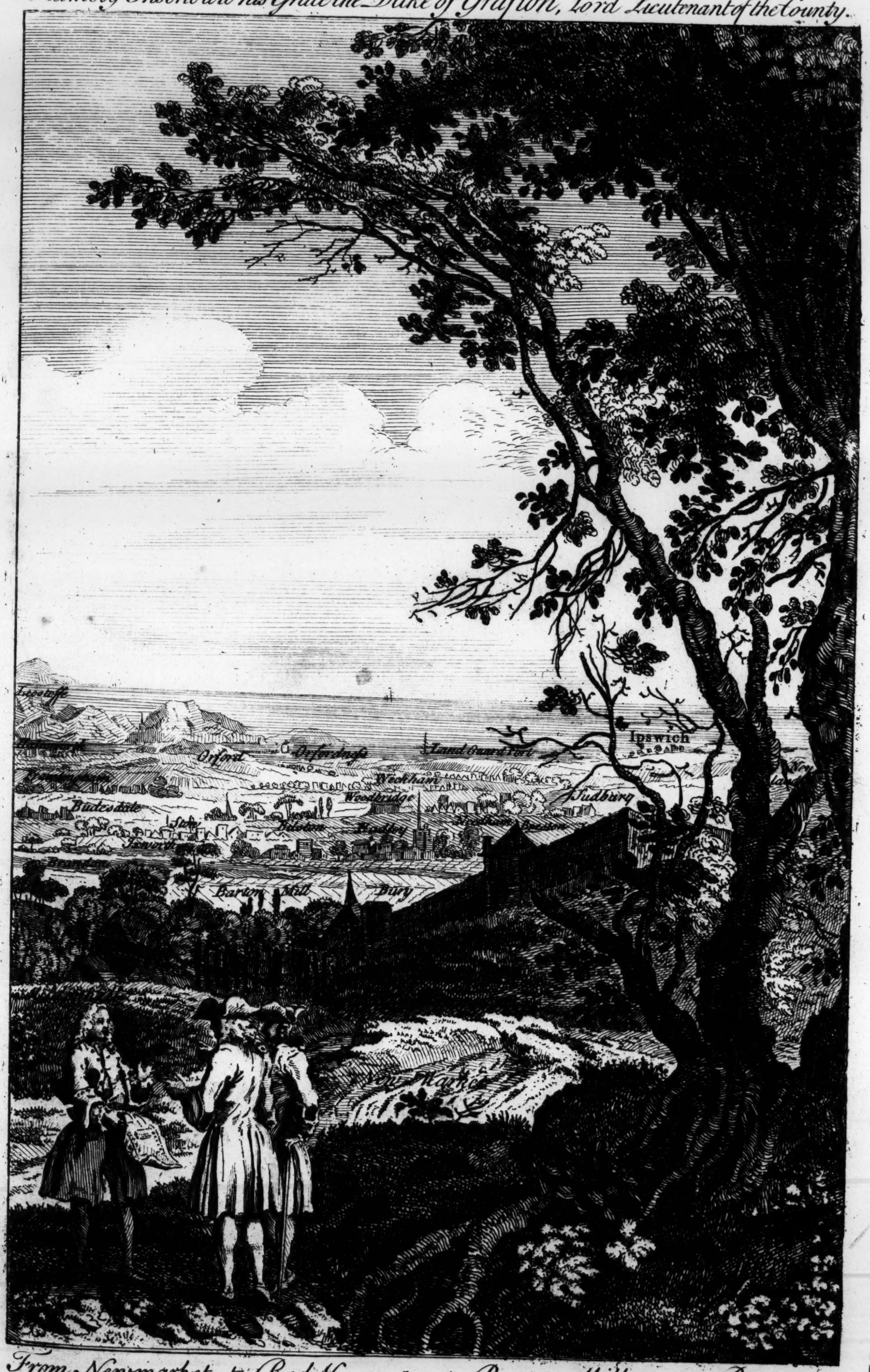
Flitch;) the Breach at Dagenham, that laid 5000 Acres of Land under Water, but which, after near ten Years Inundation, was at last effectually Stopp'd by Capt. Perry; Lawless Court in the Honour of Raleigh, a very singular kind of Tenure; & the Ruins of a Roman City at Chesterford, where the Foundations of a Temple are very visible.

Noblemen's Seats here are New-hall, Duke of Montagu's; Havering, Duke of Ancaster's; Leigh's Priory, Duke of Manchester's; St. Osyth, Earl of Rochford's; Wanstead, Earl Tilney's; Navestock, Earl Waldegrave's; Audley-End, Earl of Suffolk's; Moulsham-hall, Earl of Fitz-Walter's; Thorndon, Lord Petre's; Tuffs, Lord Barrington's.

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A Map of SUFFOLK N. East from London.

Humbly Inscrib'd to his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of the County.



From Newmarket to Red House 5-2 to Barton Mills 3-1 to Brandon 4 to Ixworth 7-7 to Framlingham 5-6 to Leostoffe 26-6 Orford from London 88-2 Ipswich 68

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The Arms of Ipswich



Suffolk.

Suffolk, or Southfolk, so called from its Situation in respect of Norfolk, is divided from ye last mentioned County by the Rivers Waveney and Brandon, or Little Ouse: On the East it has ye German Ocean, on the South ye Stour, which Separates it from Essex, and on the West Cambridgeshire. Other Rivers are the Deben, and the Orwell.

The Air of Suffolk is clear & wholesom, which is owing to the clean and sandy Nature of the Shore. The Soil in the Woodlands is a rich deep Clay & Marl: Towards Essex and Cambridgeshire it has excellent Pasture, and from about Bury to the North & North West affords plenty of Corn. Here was first set on Foot that great Improvement of feeding Sheep and Cattle on Turnips. Butter & Cheese are ye chief Commodities, the latter suffering much in Quality to enrich the former: Yet this Cheese is thought very proper for long Voyages, because of its Dryness. The principal Manufactures are Woollen & Linen Cloths.

Besides

SUFFOLK.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, Suffolk sends two Burgesses for each of the following Boroughs.

Ipswich,.....Dunwich,.....Orford,
Aldborough,.....Sudbury,.....Eye,
St. Edmunds Bury.

Ipswich, in its most flourishing Condition, had no less than 21 Churches, and has now twelve. It is at present a neat well-built Town, & exceeds in Extent several of our Cities. The Trade, tho' decay'd within ye Memory of Man, is still considerable. Large Ships are brought up by the Tide within a small Distance of ye Town. The Market-place is large: The Town-hall and Council-Chamber make a good Appearance.

St. Edmunds-Bury, so called from Edmund King of ye East Angles, who after having been barbarously Murder'd by the Danes, and bury'd there, was beautifully rebuilt by Canute ye Danish King by way of Atonement. It is delightfully Situated on a rising Ground, commanding very different yet charming Prospects. The Streets are laid out so regularly that most of them cross one another at right Angles. The Guild-hall, Shire-house, Free-school, Woold-hall, Market-Cross, and Abbey-Gate, are remarkably magnificent. At St. Matthew's Fair this Town is a general Rendezvous of all the Nobility & Gentry in the neighbouring Counties, who flock hither for Diversion, as well as to lay out their Money.

Curiosities in this County are several Monuments of Antiquity, particularly at Dunwich, Ikelingham, Bliburg,

Suffolk.

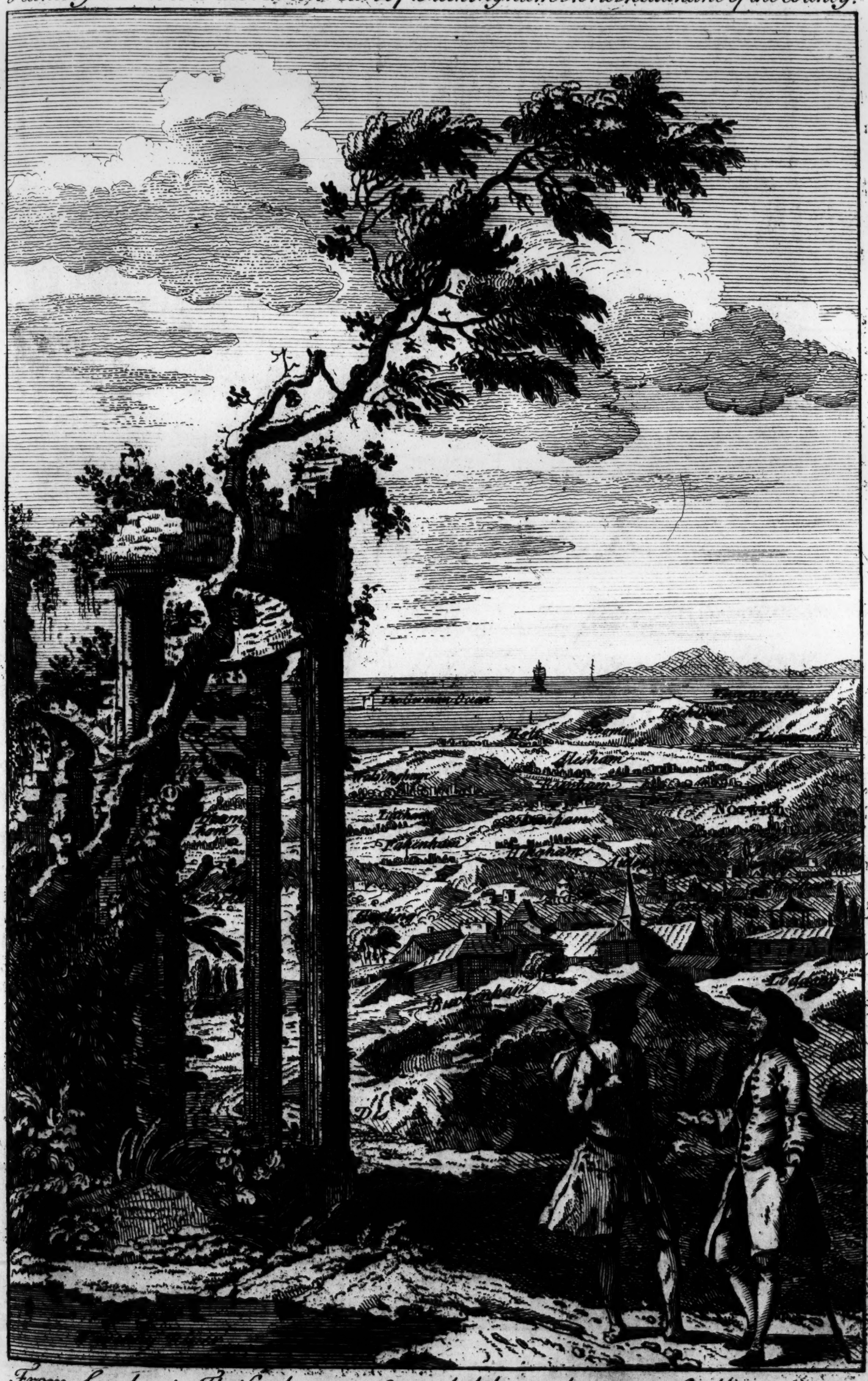
Bliburg, Burg-Castle, and Felixton. Southwold-Cape is ye most Easterly Point of the whole Island. Dunwich was once a Bishop's See, thence translated to Thetford, & thence to Norwich. Land-guard-Fort, on the South of this County, over against Harwich, is a Royal Fortress. Framlingham, Rendelsham, & Bungey, have also been strong Places in former Times. By the Tenure of Hemingston-Manor, the Lord was oblig'd every Christmas Day to exhibit a Saltus, a Sufflatus, and a Bombalus; that is, to Cut a Caper, puff with his Cheeks, and let a Fart.

Noblemen's Seats are, Euston & Livermore Halls, both the Duke of Grafton's; Icknorth, Earl of Bristol's; Efton, Earl of Rockford's; Helmingham-hall, Earl of Dysart's; Sudborn-Hall, Viscount Hereford's; Culforth-Hall, Lord Cornwallis's; and Denham-hall, Viscount Tonmshend's.

A Map of NORFOLK North from London.

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From London to Thetford 79 m. 5 f. to Attleborough 14. to Windham 6. to Gringleford 2-6. to Norwich 2 6 to Yarmouth 13-6. from London to Walsingham 116-3. to Norwich 108-7. to Holt 116-6.

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The Arms of the City of Norwich.



NORFOLK.

Norfolk, or Northfolk, so called from its Situation in respect of Suffolk, is divided from this last mention'd County by the Rivers Waveney and Brandon; from Cambridge & Lincoln Shires by the Fen Drains; and on the North and East it is wash'd by ye German Ocean. Other Rivers here are the Yare, the Ouse, and the Thirne. The Thirne, Yare, and Waveney fall into the Ocean by one Mouth.

The Air of this County is sharp and piercing, which throws ye Seasons backwarder than is usual in ye same Latitude: But the Inland Country is very healthy. In Soil it has greater Variety than any other one County in England: Arable, Pasture, Meadow, Woodlands, light Sand, deep Clays, Heath and Fens, are all here to be found; and even the worst of them far from being unprofitable. Chief Commodities are Corn, Cattle, Wool, Rabbits, Honey, Saffron, and Herrings, with some Jet & Amber thrown up on the Sea Coasts. The Manufactures are Worsted,

Woollens,



Norfolk.

Woollens, and Silk, which employ the Inland Country, as the Fishery, Commerce, and Navigation do the Ports.

This County, like the rest in England, has two Representatives for the Freeholders, and ten for the following City & Boroughs.

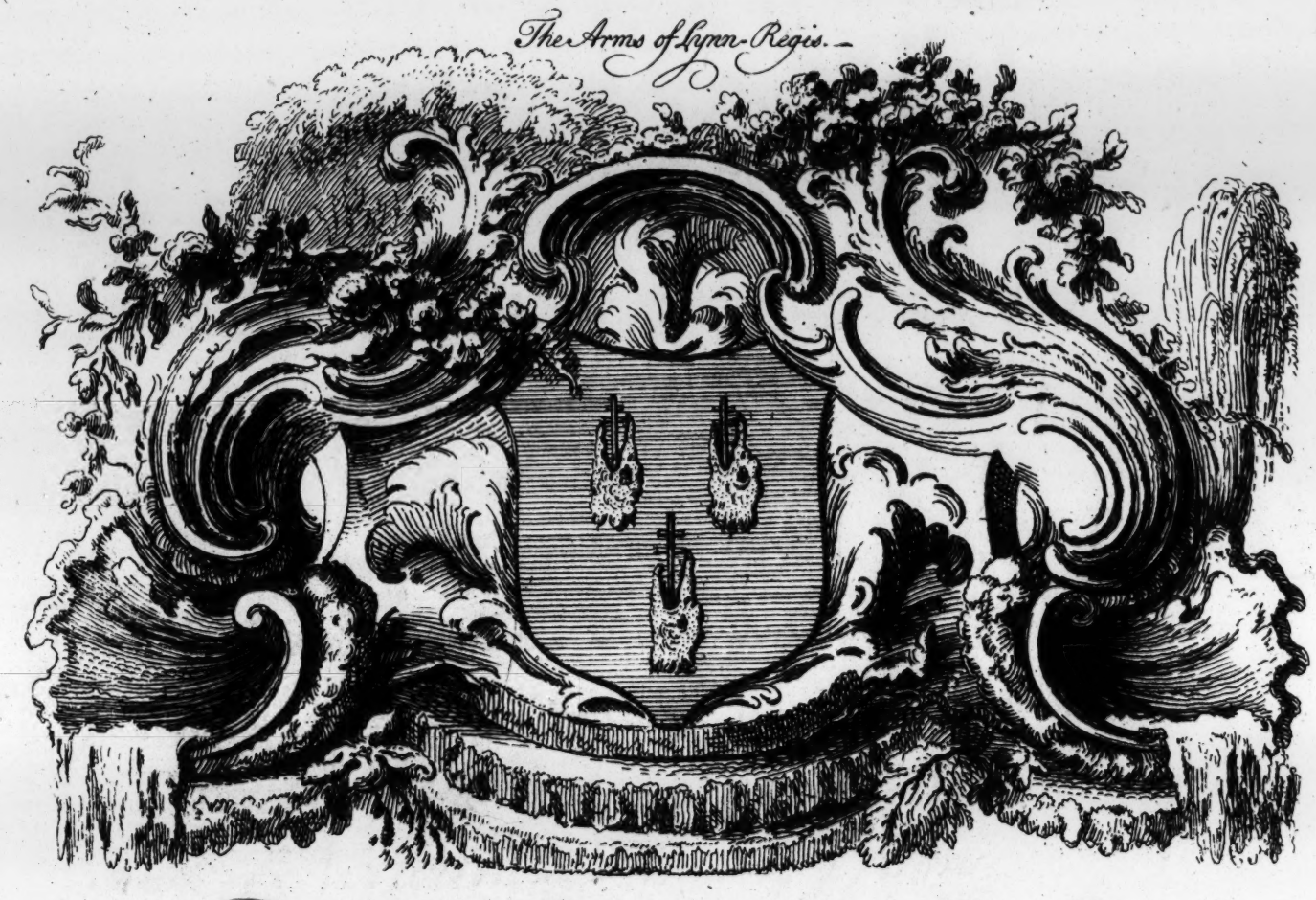
Norwich,.....Lynn-Regis,.....Yarmouth,
Thetford,.....and.....Castle-Rising.

Norwich stands upon the Yare, which is so far Navigable without Art. It has many Years been a large & populous City, and so long ago as 1348 lost upwards of 57,000 Inhabitants by a Pestilence. At present it has 32 Parishes, & a Wall near three Miles in Circuit. The Flemings, who in Queen Elizabeth's Time set up here the Woollen Manufacture, laid the Foundation of the present Wealth of this City. As the Inhabitants are many, so are they remarkable for Industry; and most of their Business being within Doors, the Streets of a Working-day look as if the Place was thinly peopled, but of a Sunday are perfectly crouded. It is thought the Woollen and Silk Manufactures, in and near this City, employ 120,000 People. The Cathedral is large, and has a high Spire; but most of the Monuments in it were destroy'd in the Civil Wars.

Lynn-Regis, or King's Lynn, stands upon the East Bank of the Mouth of the Ouse, and has 15 Bridges over four small Rivulets that run thro' it. At the North End of the Town is St. Anne's Fort, with a Platform of 12 large Guns, that commands all the Ships passing near the Harbour. The Inhabitants, as their Situation indicates, are great Merchants:

For-

The Arms of Lynn-Regis.



NORFOLK.

For by means of ſeveral Rivers which fall into the Sea in this Neighbourhood, they ſupply Six Counties entirely, and part of three others, with moſt Commodities: Wine and Coals, in particular, they deal in more than any other Corporation in England, *except* London, Briſtol, *and* Newcaſtle. *They have ſeveral ſtately Edifices, and ſupply their Deficiency of freſh Water by Conduits and Pipes. One of their Cuſtoms is truly laudable, and would, if practis'd by all the County, take off its Reproach of Litigiouſneſs: It is their Feaſt of Reconciliation, held the firſt Monday in every Month, when ye Magiſtrates & Miniſters aſſemble together, to adjuſt amicably all Controverſies.*

There are two Churches in this Town, beſides St. Nicholas's Chapel of Eaſe, a Preſbyterian, & a Quaker's Meeting-Houſe, with a Bridewell, or Work-Houſe, and ſeveral Alms-Houſes, a Free-School, a good Cuſtom-Houſe, with a convenient Quay.

Yarmouth



NORFOLK.

Yarmouth has one of the finest Quays in the World, that of Marseilles not excepted, upon the Confluence of the Thirne, Yare, and Waveney before mentioned. No Town, in proportion to its Bigness, has a larger Share of Commerce, upwards of 1100 Ships belonging to this Place alone. In some Years not less than 40 Millions of Herrings have been here cured. The Inhabitants have a great Reputation for fair Dealing: They are many, have two Parish Churches, several very good Buildings, and a noble Market-place.

Venta Icenorum, now a small Village three Miles South of Norwich, was formerly a Roman City. Other Curiosities are, the antient Tenure by Soccage at Gerningham, where the Tenant pays his Rent by so many Days Labour. Worsted gave name to the Worsted Manufacture, so very beneficial to England. Roman Coins, and other Monuments of Antiquity, have been found at several Places. At Castle-Rising all Testaments, according to the Norman Custom, are proved before the Parson of the Parish. But the greatest Curiosity was the travelling Bed of Sand, which came out of Suffolk into this County, cover'd near two thousand Acres of Land, & at last was stop'd by ye River Ouse.

Noblemen's Seats here are Norwich Palace, ye Duke of Norfolk's; Houghton-Hall, Earl of Orford's; Raynham, and Stifflay, Viscount Townshend's; at Castle-Rising, Lord Dudley's; & Bliching, Lord Hobart's.

A Map of CAMBRIDGESHIRE North from London

Humbly Inscrib'd to the Rt. Hon.ble y Earl of Lincoln Lord Lieutenant of y County.



Royston from London 38-2, to Caxton 9, to Cambridge 2, to Newmarket 8-3, to Ely 9-2, to Wisbeach 11-2, from London to Cambridge 52.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Cambridgeshire is bounded on the North by Lincolnshire, on the East by Norfolk & Suffolk, on the West by the Counties of Huntingdon & Bedford, and on the South by those of Essex and Hertford. Its chief Rivers are the Ouse, which divides it from East to North West, & the Cam, from a Bridge over which ye Capital has its Name, as the whole County has from the Capital.

Here is great Variety of Air & Soil; the Southern & Eastern Parts being pleasant & healthy, and the Northern, or Fens, low, watery, and unwholesome. Corn, Cattle, Butter, Cheese, Coleseed, Hemp, Fish, Fowl, Freestone, Vitriol, and Saffron are the chief Commodities; and the principal Manufactures, Paper and Basket-Work. Saintfoin makes a great Improvement in the Dry and Barren Parts of this County. Of the Six Members of Parliament, two are for the County, and the other four for

Cambridge Town,.....and.....University.

Ely, tho' a City, chuses no Representatives. It is chiefly remarkable for its Cathedral Church, and great Plenty of Provisions.

Cambridge

Cambridgeshire.

Cambridge is very Antient, and had formerly a strong Castle. It has now fourteen Parish Churches, and a very plentiful Market. The River Cam divides it into two Parts. The University, as that of Oxford, is governed by a Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. Here are 16 Colleges or Halls, 406 Fellowships, 660 Scholarships, and 236 Exhibitions. The Colleges &c. run in the following Order.

Names.	Founders.	when founded.
1. Peter-house	Bishop Hugh Balsham	1257.
2. Clare-Hall	Richard Baden	1340.
3. Pembroke-Hall	Countess of Pembroke	1347.
4. Bennet, or Corpus Christi	Friers of Corpus Christi	1346.
5. Trinity-Hall	Bishop William Bateman	1353.
6. Gonvil & Caius College	Edmond de Gonvil	1348.
7. King's College	King Henry VI	1441.
8. Queen's College	Queen Margaret of Anjou	1448.
9. Catharine-Hall	Richard Woodlark	1459.
10. Jesus College	Bishop John Alcock	1497.
11. Christ's College	Countess of Richmond, Mother of K. Henry VII	1506.
12. St. John's College		
13. Magdalen College	Thomas Lord Audley	1542.
14. Trinity College	King Henry VIII	1546.
15. Emanuel College	Sir Walter Mildmay	1582.
16. Sidney-Sussex College	Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex	1588.

Newmarket, on ye Edge of this County, is chiefly remarkable for its Horseraces, & the odd Mixture of Company attending them.

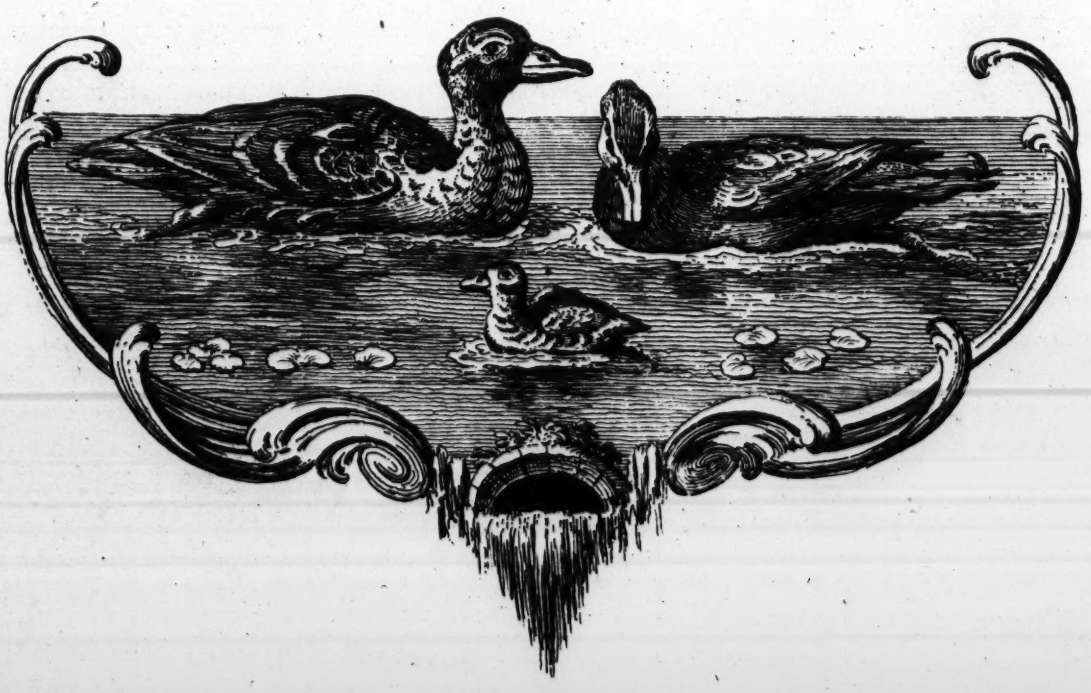
Wisbich, from its conveniency of Water Carriage, has a great Trade.

Curiosities

Cambridgeshire.

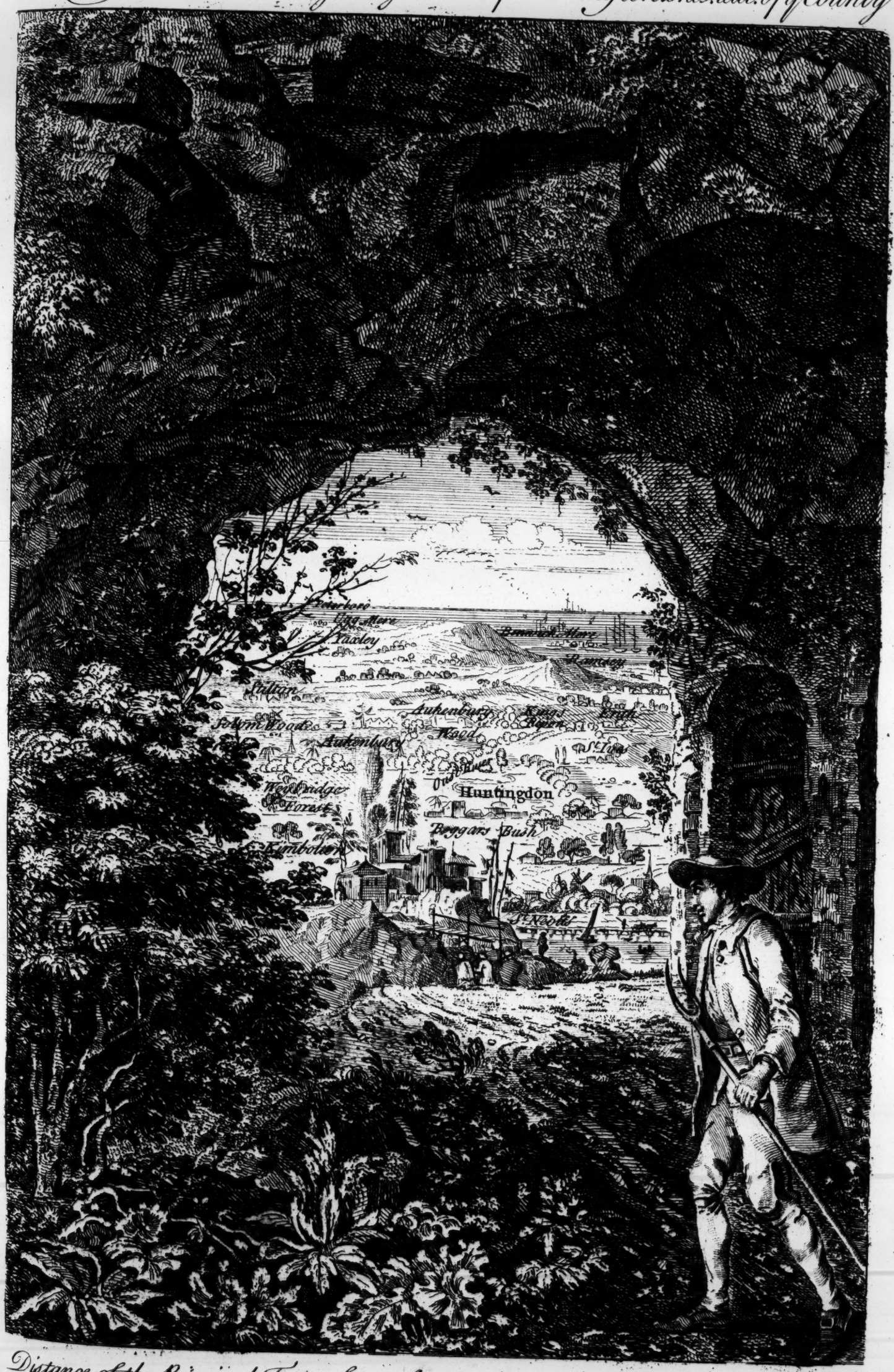
Curiosities here are, ye Remains of a British Camp, on the Top of Gogmagog Hills; the Decoys, employ'd for intrapping wild Water Fowl, of which one only is sometimes supposed to send to London 3000 Couple in a Week; Sturbridge Fair, remarkable for its great Trade, kept 14 days in Septem.r in ye Fields adjacent to Cambridge, and so called from the little Brook Stour; but above all for the draining of the Fens, a Level of about 300,000 Acres, with a Soil from ten to twenty Foot deep. Part of it lies in the Counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntingdon, Northampton, and Lincoln; but the most in Cambridgeshire. A prodigious Profit arises from what has been recovered by the Drains, and if the whole Spot were equally improved, the Advantage, both to the Cultivators and Government, would be almost immense.

The Noblemen's Seats are, Thorney-Abbey, the Duke of Bedford's; Horse-heath-hall, Lord Montford's; Cheveley, the Duke of Somerset's; Gogmagog, Earl of Godolphin's; and Wimple-Hall, the Lord Chancellor Hardwick's.



A Map of HUNTINGDON SHIRE North from London

Humbly inscribd to his Grace ye Duke of Manchester Lord Lieut.t of ye County



Distance of the Principal Towns from Huntingdon to Aukenbury 8, to Peterborough 27, to Allerton 27, to Ramsey 12, to St Ives 5 to Stilton 12, to Kimbolton 10, to Telworth 15 to St Neotts 10, to Yaxley 21. From London to Huntingdon 57. 2.

Divided into 3 hundreds, Leightonstone, Norman Cross, & Toseland

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

This County is bounded on the West and North-West by Northamptonshire, on the East and North-East by Cambridgeshire, and on the South by Bedfordshire. Its principal Rivers are the Ouse and the Nen, upon the former of which stands the Capital. As the Shires of Huntingdon and Cambridge, with the Isle of Ely, are under the same Sheriff, they nominate him alternately.

By reason of the Fens and Meers, the Air is but indefferent as to Health, except on the South-West parts, which are dryer. The Soil is very fertile, in the Low Lands for Pasturage, and in the Up-Grounds for Corn. Stilton Cheese is particularly famous. Other chief Commodities are Grain, Cattle, Fish, and Fowl. Here are no considerable Manufactures.

Members of Parliament are only two Knights, & two Burgesses for..... Huntingdon.

This Town has been much greater than at present, having

once

Huntingdonshire.

once fifteen Parishes, now reduced to two. It had a fine Castle, built by Edward the Elder, but demolish'd by Henry II. The choaking up of the River, whereby the Navigation was lost, occasions the Decay of Huntingdon, ye People of which now subsist chiefly from their Situation on the great Northern Road.

Curiosities are two Springs near St Neots, one brackish the other fresh, and both Medicinal; the delightful Prospect from Huntingdon Castle-Hill, over Portsholm Meadow; Roman Vestiges at Godmanchester; a Farm at St Ives, husbanded by Cromwell before he obtained a Seat in Parliament; Whittlesey-Meer, on the North Edge of the County, near Six Miles in Length and Three in Breadth, and subject to very tempestuous Agitations.

Noblemen's Seats are, Kimbolton-Castle, Duke of Manchester's; Hinchinbrook, Earl of Sandwich's; Long-Overton, Earl of Lincoln's; Great-Gedding, Earl of Rockingham's; and Bugden, Bishop of Lincoln's.

A Map of NORTHAMPTON SHIRE North from London

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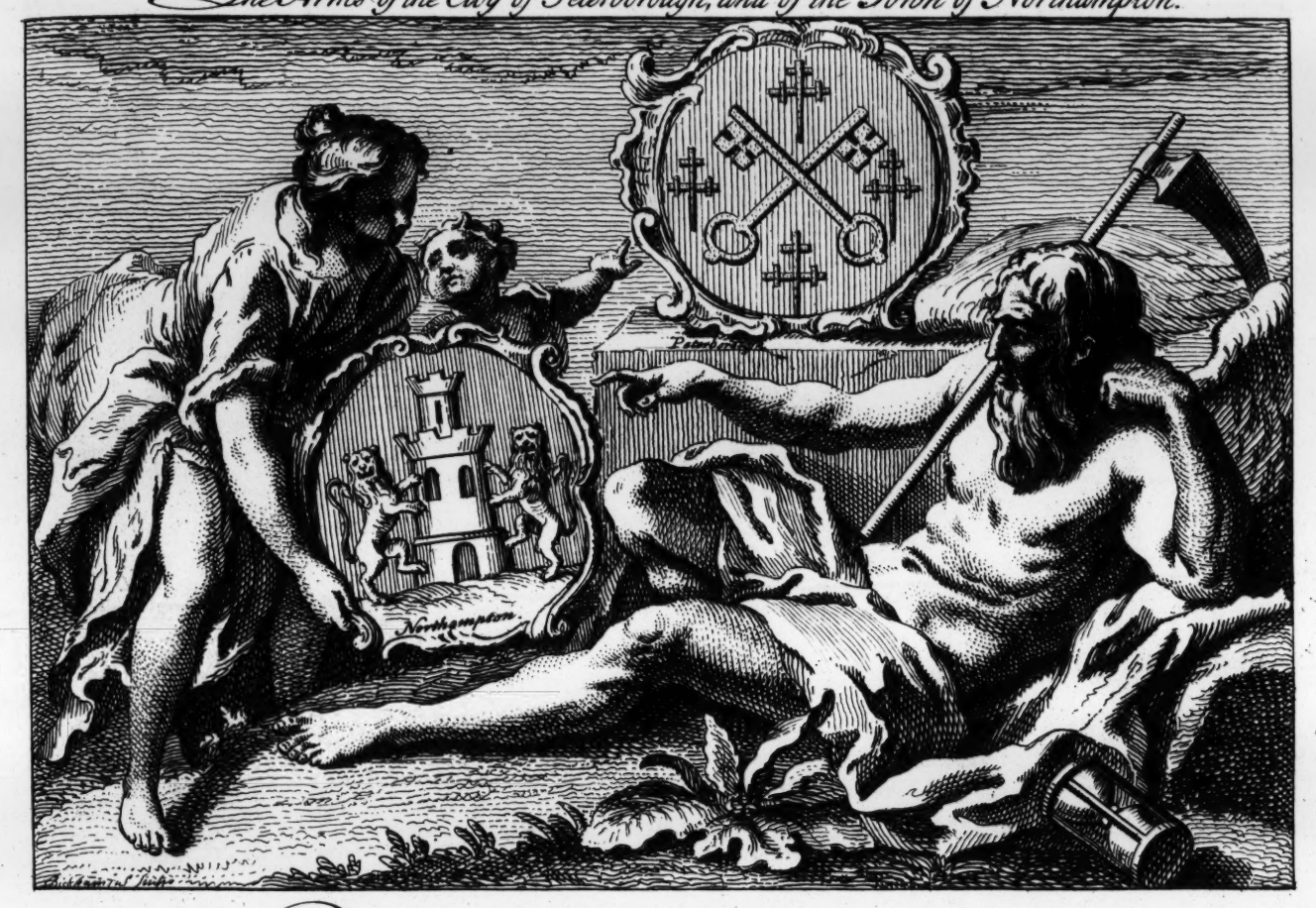


From London to Brackley 57.3. to Towcester 3.2. to Northampton 15.5 to Kettering 3.2 to Rockingham 6.5 to Cliffe 9.5 to Peterborough from London 76.2.

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The Arms of the City of Peterborough, and of the Town of Northampton.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Northamptonshire borders upon more Counties than any other in England: For on the North it touches Leicestershire, Rutlandshire, and Lincolnshire; on the East, Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, and Cambridgeshire; on the West, Warwickshire, and Oxfordshire; and on ye South, Buckinghamshire. The Nen, which runs almost thro' the midst of the County, and the Welland, which borders it on the North, are the principal Rivers.

The Air is very healthy, entirely free from Bogs and Fens, except in the little Corner of Peterborough Hundred; which makes it crouded with Seats of the Nobility & Gentry, as well as Towns and Villages. The Soil, fertile both for Tillage and Pasturage, is deficient in Nothing but Fuel, which the want of Water Carriage creates a difficulty in procuring from other Parts. In ye whole County there is but one barren Heath. The Commodities are Corn, Cattle, Sheep, and Horses: The Manufactures, Serges, Tammies,

Shalloons,

Northamptonshire.

Shalloons, Boots, and Shoes.

Besides the two Knights, this County sends two Members each for.....Northampton.....Peterborough.....Brackley.

And for.....Higham Ferrers.....only one.

Northampton, thro' the melancholy Accident of having been burnt to ye Ground is become one of the handsomest Towns in England, about the Middle of which it stands. The Streets are well laid out, and the Churches, especially All-hallows, at which four large Streets terminate, are worthy of Notice. The Market-place is regular & spacious, and the Horse-market exceeds all others in England. The George Inn, belonging to the Poor, is remarkable, as are also the Publick Buildings.

Peterborough, the least City, and Seat of the poorest Bishoprick in all England, is however remarkable for its Cathedral, one of the noblest & most antient Gothic Buildings in Europe.

Curiosities. The antient Foss Cordyke, below Peterborough, was made by the Romans to drain the Fens: The Forty-Foot Roman Way also begins at Peterborough.

Other Roman Antiquities are at Castor, Goldsborough, Daventry, and Chester. At Oxendon is a remarkable Eccho; at Culworth are found the Astroites, or Star-stones; and in the same Parts are good Mineral Waters. Naseby is thought a Contraction of Navelsby, signifying it to be ye Navel or Middle of England: But it is more remarkable for ye Defeat there given to King Charles I. by Fairfax and Cromwell, which occasioned the Ruin of that Monarch's Affairs.

Noblemen's

Northamptonshire.

Noblemen's Seats are, Grafton-Regis, Duke of Grafton's; Althorp, Duke of Marlborough's; Boughton, Duke of Montagu's; Burleigh, Earl of Exeter's; Caſtle-Abbey, Earl of Northampton's; Easton, Earl of Pomfret's; Easton-Maudit, Earl of Suſsex's; Dean, Earl of Cardigan's; Rockingham-Caſtle, Earl of Rockingham's; Aſtwell, Earl Ferrers's; Horton, Earl of Halifax's; Apethorp, Earl of Westmoreland's; Drayton, Earl of Peterborough's; Harrington, Earl of Dysart's; Milton, Earl Fitzwilliams's; Newbottle, Earl of Thanet's; Boziate, Viscount Longueville's; Winnvicke, Lord Craven's; Paulsbury, Lord Bathurſt's; Wordford, Lord St. John of Bletſho's; at Kirby, Viscount Hatton's.



A Four nvreathed Ammonites found at Marston Truſsel



A Five nvreath'd double ſtraited Ammonia found at Oxendon



The Studded Ammonites Modiolaris found near Towcester.



Aſtrovites, or Star-ſtone with Round radiated Holes in its Surface found at Cortenhall



A MAP of LEICESTER SHIRE. North from LONDON.

Humbly Inscribed to His Grace ye Duke of Rutland, Lord Lieut.t of ye County



From Harborough to Great Glen 8-4 to Leicester 5-5 to Mountsorrel 5 4 to Loughborough 3-1 Principal towns from Leicest.r Ashby de la Zouch 16 Bosworth 10 to Hinkley 10 to Hegworth 17 to Loughboro' 10 to Melton 15 to Mountsorrel 6 to Waltham 19 from London 98-6 Six Hundreds, Viz.t East Goscote, Farmland, Garteny Guthlaxston Sparenhoe & W Goscote

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The Arms of Leicester Town.



Leicesterſhire.

Leicesterſhire is bounded on the North by Derbyſhire and Nottinghamſhire; on the East, by the Counties of Lincoln and Rutland; on ye South by Northamptonſhire, and on the West by Warwickſhire. Four Rivers, ye Avon, the Stour, the Anker, and the Welland, which all riſe in the South-West of this County, do afterwards take very different Courses. Of theſe the Stour, which receives the Wreke some Miles below Leicester, is the Stream to which the County is moſt beholden.

By lying at a proper Diſtance on every ſide from the Sea, the Air of Leicesterſhire is very ſweet and wholſome. It has a great many Streams, but no large ſtanding Waters. Except in the North-East, the Soil is very good, and peculiarly famous for Beans: But the North-East is better provided with Firing than the South-West, and feeds abundance of excellent Sheep.

Leicestershire.

Sheep. Other Commodities are Corn, Fish, Flesh, Fowl, Wool, and Horses for the Collar. The chief Manufacture is that of Stockings.

Leicestershire sends four Members to Parliament, two for the County, and two for the Borough of

Leicester.

Leicester is an old Town, a great many Roman Antiquities being found in and about it. It was a Bishop's See under the Kings of Mercia, and at the Conquest in a very flourishing Condition. At present it is large and populous, has five Parishes, and a great many good Buildings about the Castle, which demands the first Place among the Curiosities of the County: It was built by Henry the first Duke of Lancaster for his Residence, & contain'd an Enclosure of 26 Acres, within a thick Stone Wall eighteen Foot high. The Hall and Kitchen are yet remaining, the first serving most amply for the County Business.

Other Curiosities are, the famous Roman-Watling-street Way, the Boundary between this County and Warwickshire; the Remains of some large Buildings near Borough, supposed to have been a Pagan Temple; a Well near Lutterworth (of which John Wickliff was formerly Rector) that petrifies Wood; the Field near Bosworth, in which Richard III lost his Crown and his Life; and a beautiful Piece of Mosaic Work, found near Leicester some Years since, that represented the Fable of Actæon.

Noblemen's

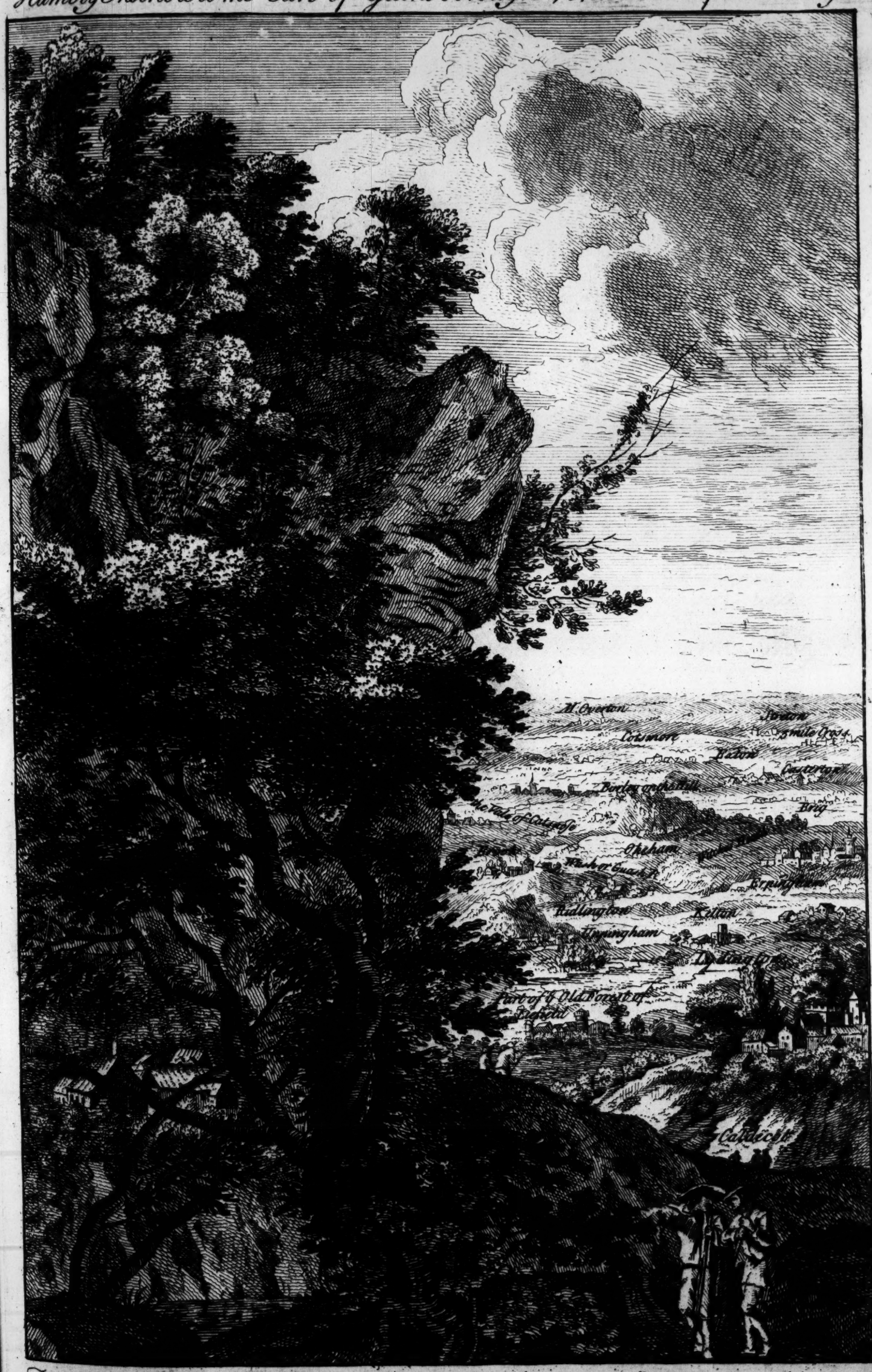
Leicestershire.

Noblemen's Seats are, Garrenton, Duke of Montagu's; at Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Dunnington, Earl of Huntingdon's; Stapleford, Earl of Harborough's; Groby, Earl of Stamford's; Stanton-Harold, Earl Ferrers's; Stanton-Brudenel, Earl of Cardigan's.



A MAP of RUTLAND SHIRE. North from LONDON.

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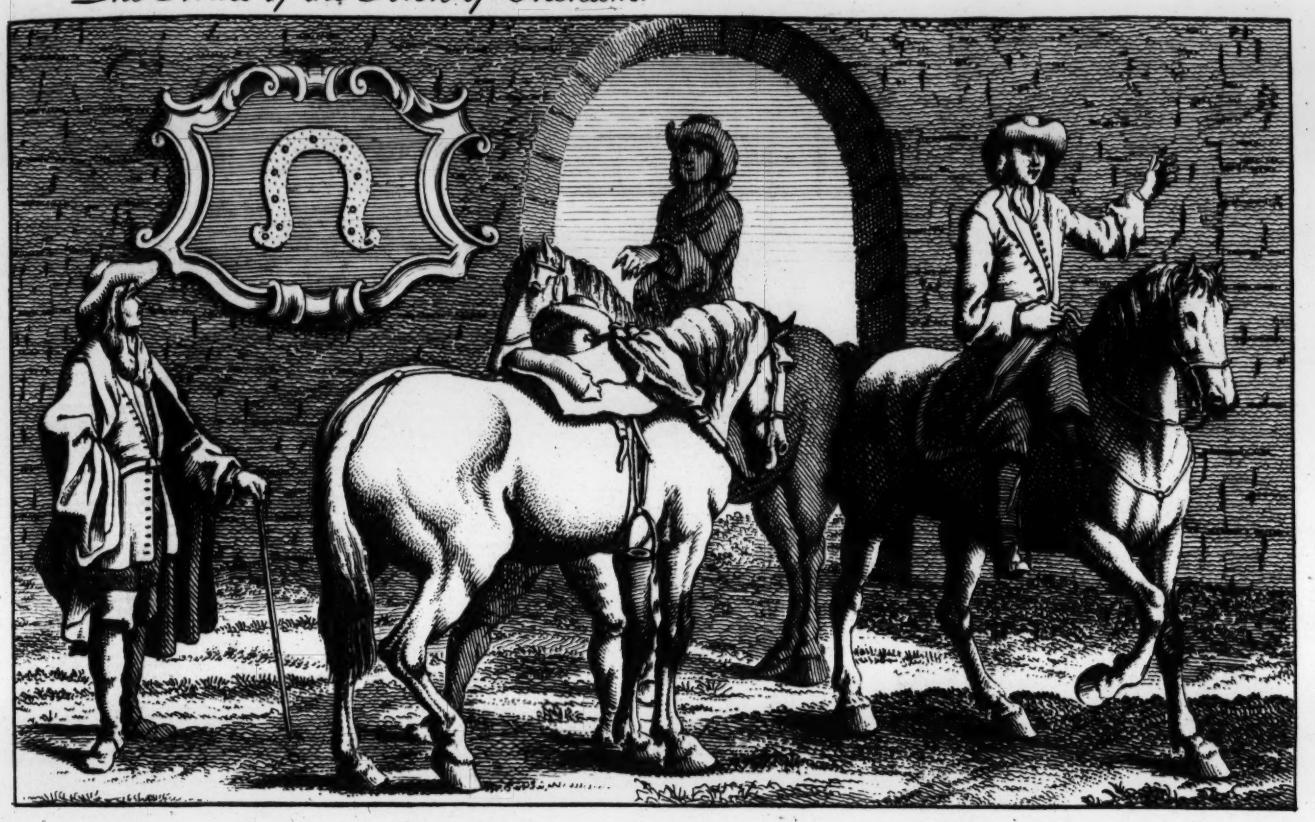


From Rockingham to Caldecot 1-1 to Uppingham 1-3 to Brook 4-1 to Oakham 2-1 from London 94. There are five Hundreds, Viz.t Allstoe East Martinsley Okehamsoke and Wrangedyke

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The Arms of the Town of Okeham.



RUTLANDSHIRE.

The smalleſt *County in* England, *ſaid to be ſo called from one* Roet, *who obtain'd of a* Mercian *King this ſpot, by riding round it in a Day, is bounded on the North & North-Eaſt by* Lincolnſhire, *on the South and South-Eaſt by* Northamptonſhire, *and on the Weſt & South-Weſt by* Leiceſterſhire. *Its Rivers are the* Welland, *which bounds it almoſt half the Circuit, the* Guash, *and a great many ſmall Streams that fall into Theſe.*

England has no better Air than this County affords. The Soil is exceeding fertile, eſpecially in the Vale of Catmoſs. *The chief Commodities are Corn, Cattle, Wool, and Wood. Members of Parliament it ſends only ye two Knights of the Shire.*

Okeham, *the County Town, ſituate in the Vale of* Catmoſs, *has a fine Church, Free-School, and Hoſpital, with ſome Remains of an antient Caſtle, built by* Walkelin-de-Ferrariis, *who, bore a Horſeſhoe for his Arms. Hence comes the antient*

Cuſtom

Rutlandshire.

Custom of this Town, which ſtill ſubſiſts, for every Baron, the firſt time he paſſes thro' it, to forfit a Shoe from his Horſe, or redeem it by paying for another. This Redemption Price is ſometimes ſo high, that the Shoe which commemorates it is gilt with Gold. They are all fix'd up, with ye reſpective Noblemen's Names, at the Caſtle Gate.

Curioſities here are, Roman Coins at Market-Overton, the antient Maradunum; and the Cuſtom of Kelton, where every Inhabitant pays two Shillings a Year to the Sheriff, which is ſaid to be for the Queen's Boots.

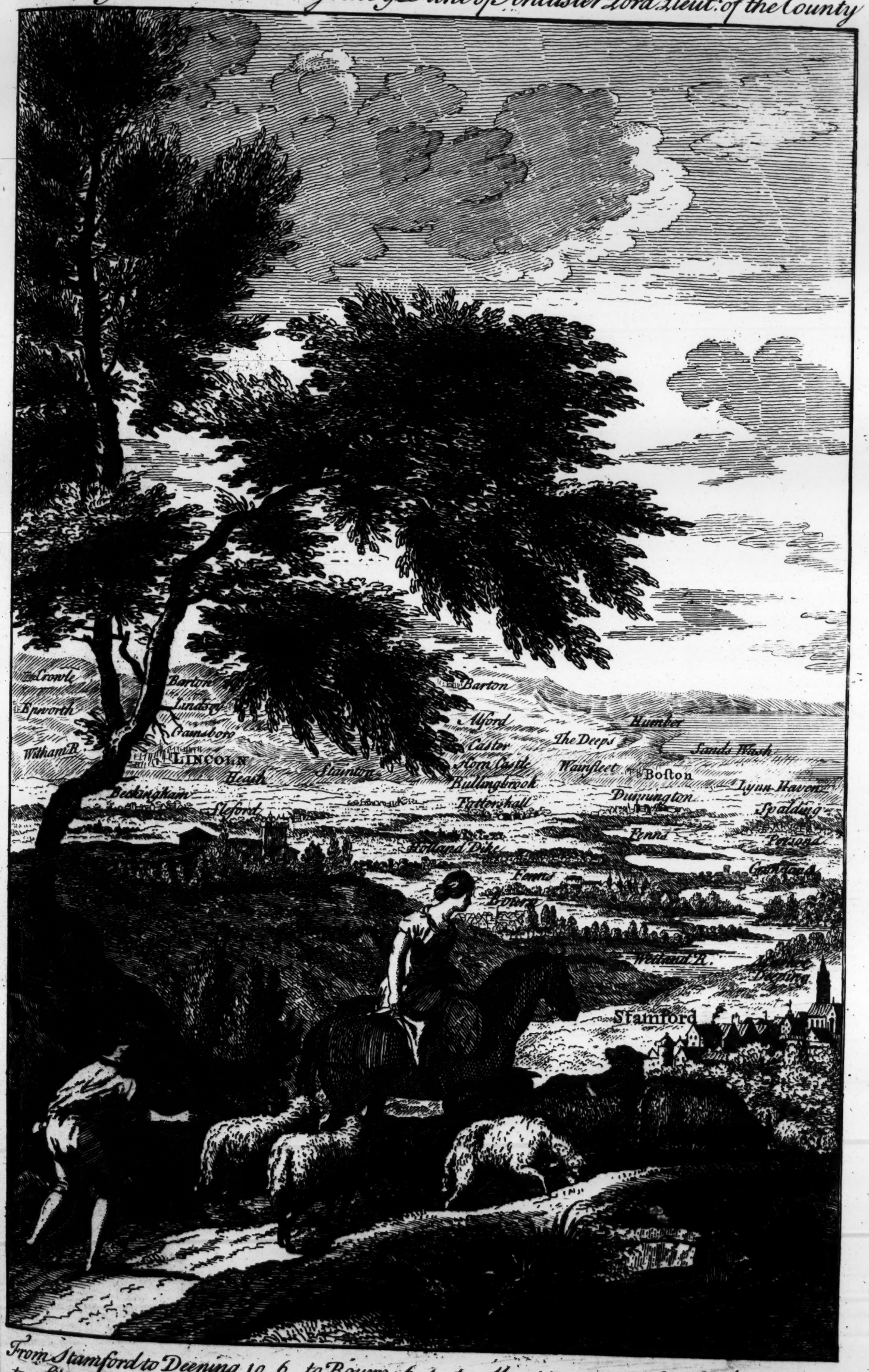
Noblemen's Seats are, Martinsthorp, Earl of Denbigh's; Burleigh on the Hill, Earl of Winchelsea's; Exton, Earl of Gainſborough's; Aſton, Earl of Cardigan's.

Roman Coins.



A Map of LINCOLNSHIRE North from London

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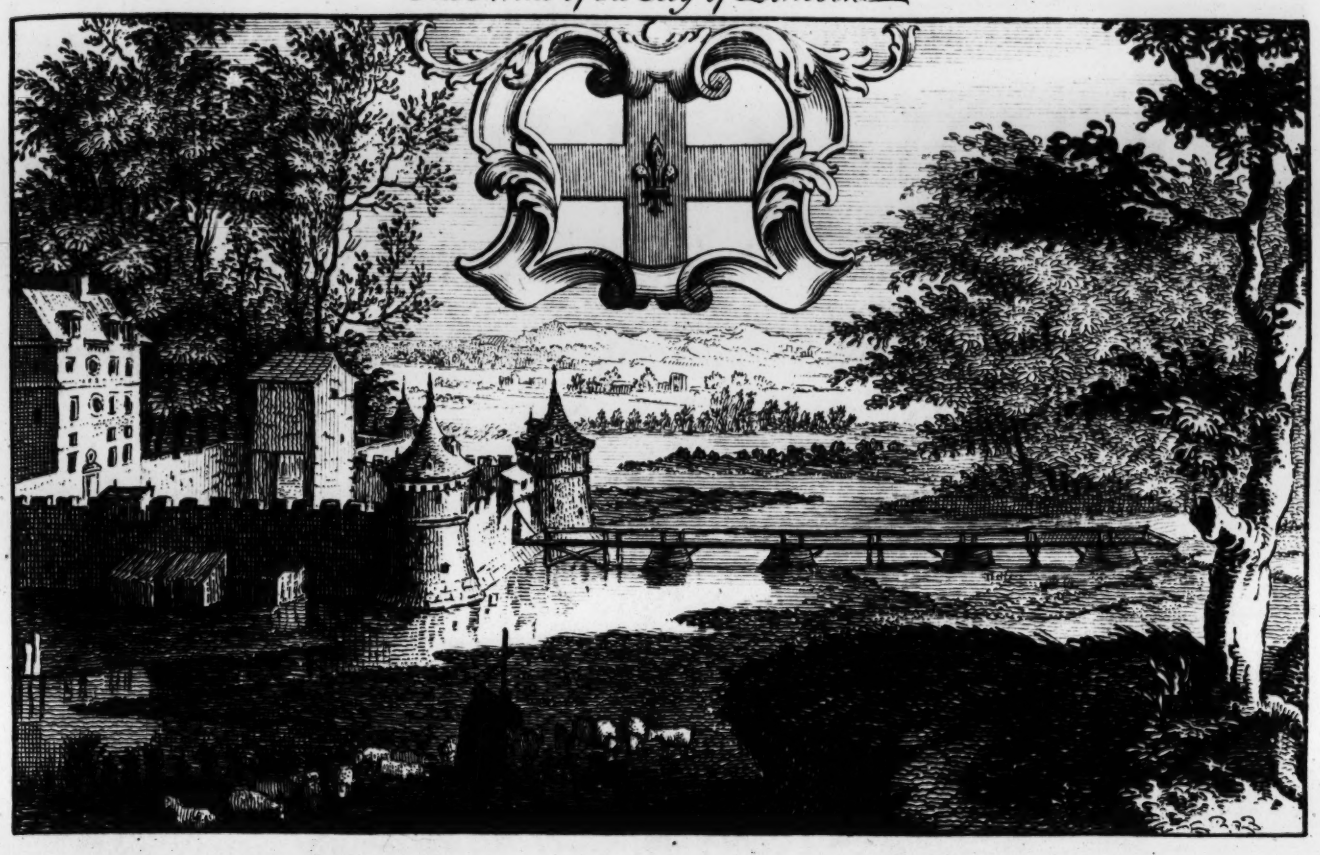


From Stamford to Deeping 10 . 6 . to Bourn 6 . 4 . to Moreton 2 . 3 . to Sleaford 14 : 5 — to Lincoln 18 . & 128 from London Has 3 Divisions Lindsey Kesteven and Holland: in which are 30 Hundreds 35 Market Towns 12 Members of Parliament

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The Arms of the City of Lincoln.



LINCOLNSHIRE.

Bounded on the North by the Humber Aſtuary, which divides it from Yorkſhire; on y^e East by y^e German Ocean; on the South by the Counties of Cambridge, Northampton, and Rutland; and on the West by Leiceſterſhire, Nottinghamſhire, & Yorkſhire. The River Trent waſhes ye Weſtern Edge of this County, which has beſides, the Witham, & the Welland.

As Lincolnſhire has three Diviſions, the Air muſt be conſidered according to each: In Holland, which lies partly under Water, it is moiſt & bad; in Keſteven, more healthy, as the Country is leſs fenny; in Lindſay, the dryeſt Part, generally healthy, eſpecially on the Weſtern Side. The Soil is very rich, producing in the inland Parts plenty of Corn, and in the Fens excellent Paſture, which feeds the largeſt of Cattle. Theſe Cattle, Wool, Horſes, Fiſh, Fowl, all in great Abundance, are the Commodities: And of late Years Hemp has been cultivated, in the Fens that have been drain'd, with very good ſucceſs.

Lincolnſhire,

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Lincolnſhire ſends to Parliament two Knights, and two Citizens or Burgeſſes for each of the following Places.

Lincoln,.....Stamford,.....Grantham,
Boſton,.....and.....Grimſby.

Lincoln, formerly the moſt flouriſhing City in Britain, is pleaſantly ſituated upon the Witham. The Romans, who found a Town here called Lincoit, extended the Buildings ſouthward from the Top of the Hill. The Saxons alſo added to it continually, and it was often beſieged by the Danes. At the Conqueſt a ſtrong Caſtle was built here, which made it frequently ye Seat of ye War between King Stephen and ye Empreſs Maud. The Biſhop's See was removed hither from Dorchester in Oxfordſhire. It has a large Gothic Cathedral, but none of the moſt beautiful. In its preſent ſtate the Buildings are generally old, tho' in the upper Part there are ſeveral good modern Houſes. It has fifteen Pariſh Churches, which are all that are left out of fifty-two, & enjoys Liberties, as a County, 20 Miles in Circumference.

Stamford, on the River Welland, was once a flouriſhing City, and for ſometime an Univerſity. At preſent it conſiſts of Six Pariſhes: The Inhabitants are numerous & wealthy, and the Buildings neat. Here are ſtill the Remains of two Colleges.

Boſton, near ye Sea on the River Witham, is ſuppoſed to have the largeſt Pariſh Church without Ailes in ye World, being in ye clear 300 Foot long & 100 wide: It has 365 Steps, 52 Windows,

and

Lincolnshire.

and 12 Pillars, anſwering to the Days, Weeks, and Months in the Year: The Tower near 300 Foot high, is of great uſe to Mariners, as it may be ſeen at 40 Miles diſtance.

Curioſities are, a Roman Camp at Hunnington, called Julius Cæſar's Camp; the Remains of Thornton-Abbey, near the Humber; the famous triangular Bridge, at Cronland-Abbey. Here have been found, ye Skeleton of a Crocodile, fix'd in a flat Stone; the Skeleton of a Man, with a Table, Book, and Candleſtick, ſuppoſed to be immured for ſome great Crime; a Golden Helmet, diſcover'd by a Ploughman; Roman Coins, and many other Rarities.

Noblemen's Seats are, Belvoir-Caſtle, Duke of Rutland's; Grimſthorp, Duke of Ancaſter's; Eſerby, Earl of Briſtol's; Bolingbroke-Caſtle, late Lord Viſc^t^. Bolingbroke's; Knath, Lord Willoughby's of Parham; Belton, Lord Tyrconnel's; and two of y^e^ Earl of Lincoln's.

A MAP of NOTTINGHAM SHIRE. North from LONDON.

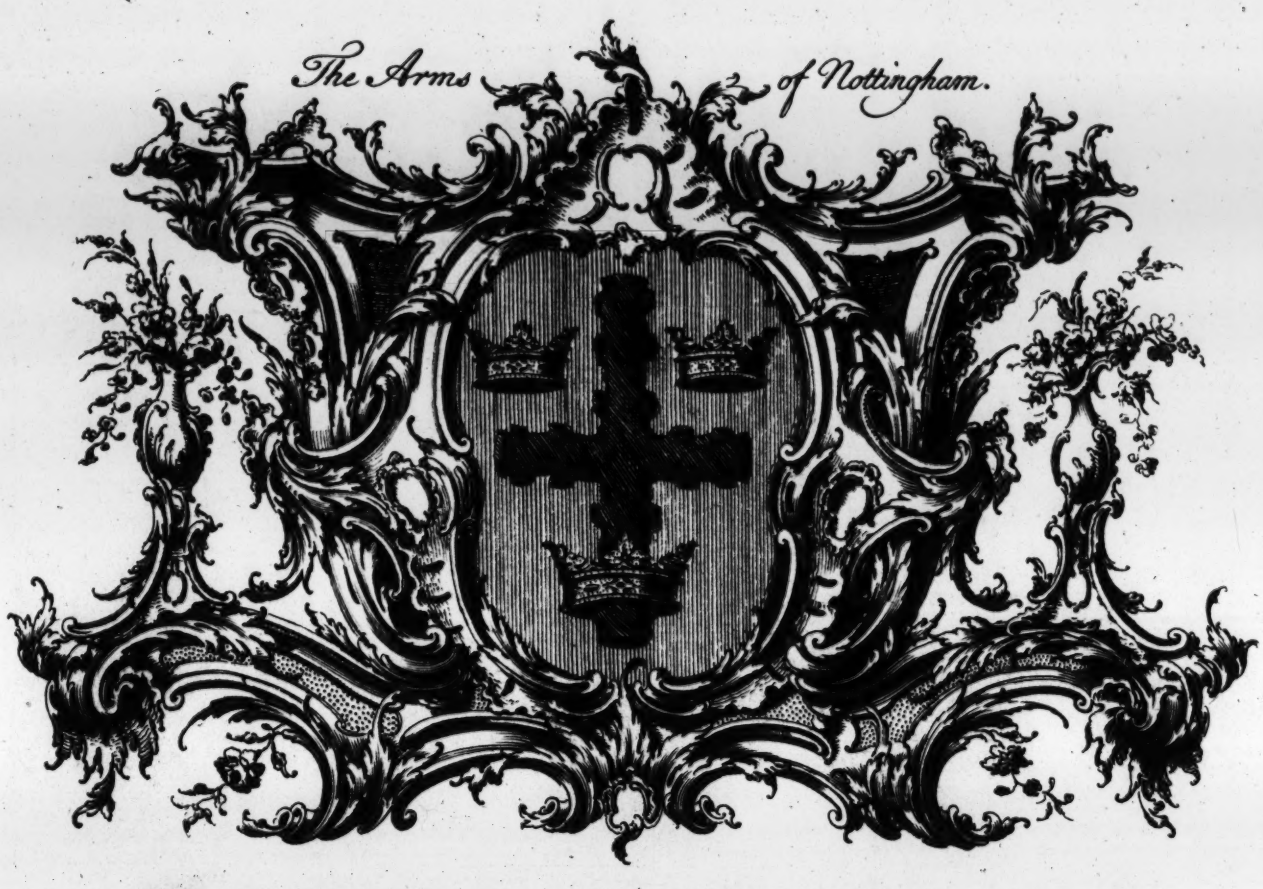
Humbly inscribd to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Lieut.t of the County.



From Nottingham to Bingham 9, to Mansfield 14, to Newark 17, to Tuxford 30, to Southwell 10, to Retford 36, to Worksop 36, to Blyth 39. Market Towns 9, Members 8. Divided into 8 Hundreds.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Nottinghamshire is remarkable for being bounded on ye four Cardinal Points of ye Compass, by four single Counties, a Circumstance which is not found in any other County in England. It has on the North Yorkshire, on ye East Lincolnshire, on the South Leicestershire, and on the West Derbyshire. The principal Rivers are Trent and Idle, the first of which receives ye latter at the North Extremity of this County, and then running forwards till it meets with other Waters, it contributes largely to make that great Confluence or Estuary called ye Humber.

The Air is very healthy, & the Soil various. On the Eastern side it yields great plenty of Grass and Corn; but ye Western Parts are mostly woody, & in some Places barren of every Thing but Coal. Enclosing of the Grounds, contrary to what is observed of other Counties, is here thought pernicious. The chief Commodities are Corn, Malt, Wool, Liquorice, Coal, Wood, Fish, & Fowl, with a Stone that when burnt makes an excellent Plaister. The Manufactures are Stockings, Glass, and Earthen Ware.

Besides

Nottinghamshire

Beſides the two Knights of the Shire, two Burgeſſes are elected here for each of the following Towns.

Nottingham.....Eaſt-Retford.....Newark.

Nottingham is pleaſantly ſituated on ye aſcent of a Rock, about a Mile North of Trent, overlooking the delightful Meadows that border that River. It is, as the Name in Saxon ſignifies, a Town of Dens or Caves, which are cut into ye Rock, in ſome Places two or three under one another, to the Depth of 70 or 80 Steps. This Convenience of Cellarage, & the Goodneſs of their Malt, enables the Inhabitants to brew excellent Ale, of which they make conſiderable Profit by ſending it to different Parts. Here is a good Cauſeway, with Arches at proper Diſtances, acroſs the Meadows from the Town to the Trent, over which there is a noble Stone Bridge. The Town is large & well built, having a ſtately Market-Place, & a Town-houſe erected upon Piazzas.

Among the Curioſities are reckon'd Littleborough and Long-Billington, both Places of Note among ye Romans, and now affording great Numbers of Coins, & other Antiquities.

Noblemen's Seats are, Workſop-Manor-Houſe, the Duke of Norfolk's; Nottingham-Caſtle, ye Duke of Newcaſtle's; Thoresby, the Duke of Kingſton's; Shelford-Abbey, the Earl of Cheſterfield's; Wollerton-Hall, Lord Middleton's; Newſtead-Abbey and Linby, both Lord Byron's.

A MAP of DERBY SHIRE. North from LONDON.

Humbly inscribd to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieut.t of the County.



From London to Derby 122. 4. Derby to the principal Towns, Wirksworth 11, Alfreton 11, Chesterfield 20, Dronfield 25, Burton 9, Winstre 17, Ashborn 10, Bakewell 21, Tidswell 26, Chapel in Frith 31. 6 Hundreds, Appletree, Morleston, Scarsdale, Highspeak, Repping ton, Wirksworth, 11 Market Towns.

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The Arms of Derby Town.



DERBYSHIRE.

This County, which lies in the Middle of England, borders on the North upon Yorkshire, on the East upon Nottinghamshire, on the South upon Leicestershire & Warwickshire, and on the West upon Staffordshire and Cheshire. Its principal River is the Derwent, which crosses it from North-West to South-East: Besides which it has the Dove, in great Part its Western Boundary, the Ernash, and a little of the Trent and the Mersey.

The Eastern Parts of Derbyshire are pleasant & fertile, particularly in Barley: Nor is the Peak, or Western Part, destitute of Commodities among its Wonders. It has, however, a sharper, more various, and consequently less wholesom Air than the more level Country. Produce of ye whole, besides Grain and Grass, is Lead, Antimony, Marble, Alabaster, a Coarse sort of Chrystal, Iron, Pit-Coal, and Grindstones.

Only four Members are sent hence to Parliament, two for the County, and two for the Capital

Derby.

This

Derbyshire.

This Town stands on the Western Banks of ye Derwent, over which it has a good Stone Bridge. The Buildings are handsome, and the situation pleasant; which makes it a great Resort of the Gentry, especially those who reside in the less delightful Peak. Here is a stately Town-house, & five Parish Churches. Tho' Derby has a Staple for Wool, it is more remarkable at present for Malt and Ale. The Year just concluded, 1745, will be memorable in the Annals of Derby for the Progress thither of the Scotch Rebels, and their sudden Return from thence, after having alarmed London it self.

No County in England hath more Curiosities than this, tho' several have more Antiquities. The famous Throwing Engine, erected by Sr. Thomas Lombe, late Alderman of London, at Derby it self, merits a long Description. It has 26,586 Wheels, and 97,746 Movements, and with one Man can twist as much Silk, in a better Manner, than Fifty can do without it. Among the Wonders of Peak, seven are usually mentioned: Chatsworth, the Duke of Devonshire's fine Seat, looks like Paradise in the midst of a Wilderness, and is therefore justly reckoned ye first. The others are, Mam-Tor Mountain, which continually moulders away without any visible Decrease of it self, tho' it raises another Hill beneath;— Elden-hole, a Chasm in ye side of a Mountain seven Yards wide, but unfathomable as to Depth, 884 Yards of Line having been let down into it without finding a Bottom; Buxton-Wells, where Cold and Hot Waters spring within 5 Foot of each other,

the

Derbyshire

the latter being thought preferable to those of Bath, and were in Esteem among the Romans; Tydesnal Spring, which at unequal Times ebbs and flows with a gurgling Noise; Pool's-Hole, which opens within like a Gothic Cathedral, and exhibits various Representations thro' ye petrifying of the Waters that distil from the Top and Sides of it; and the Devil's A-se, which after a lofty Entrance, is cross'd by 4 subterraneous Streams, and in many Places presents a noble Appearance.

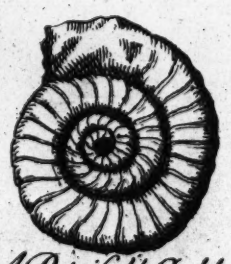
Noblemen's Seats here, besides Chatsworth, are Hardwick, another of the Duke of Devonshire's; Bolsover and Haddon, the Duke of Newcastle's; Bratby, the Earl of Chesterfield's; Sutton, late Earl of Scarsdale's; and Shirley, Earl Ferrers's.



A Petrify'd Oyster.



Poole's Hole.



A Petrify'd Cockle.



The Devil's A-se.

A MAP of WARWICK SHIRE N West from LONDON

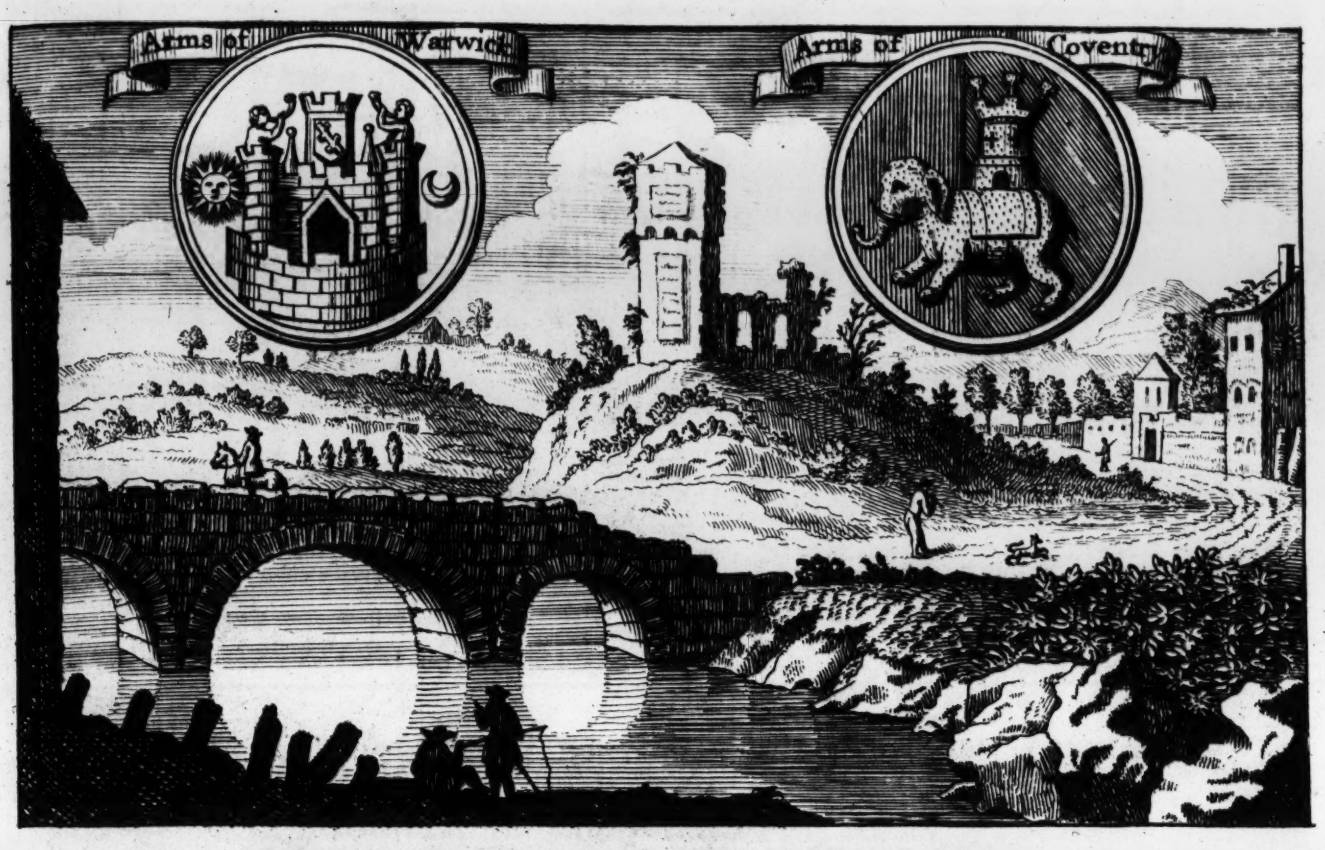
Humbly inscrib'd to y^e^ R.^t^ Honble Earl Brooke Lord Lieu.^t^ of y^e^ County.



From London to Warwick 96. Principal towns from Warwick; to Atherston 24, Nuneaton 18, Alcester 15, Pollsworth 28, Birmingham 28, Solihul 30, Coleshill 22, Southam 10, Coventry 10, Stratford 10, Henly-Arden 8, Sutton-Cofield 36, Kyneton 12, Tamworth 38. Five Hundreds, Barlichway, Knightlow, Hemlingford, Kyneton, The Liberty's of Coventry.

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WARWICKSHIRE.

This County is bounded on the North by Staffordshire, on the East by Leicester & Northamptonshires, on ye West by Worcestershire, on the South-West by Gloucestershire, and on the South by Oxfordshire. Avon is ye principal River, next to which are the Tame and the Arrow.

Warwickshire is divided into ye Woodlands, North of Avon, and the Feldon, South of that River. The Air is in general alloved to be good since the Thinning of the Woodlands, for the Consumption in the Iron Works. The Soil is rich, producing excellent Corn and Cheese, besides which the Commodities are chiefly Wood and Wool.

Two Knights are chosen for this County, & two Members each for Warwick.....and.....Coventry.

Warwick, the County Town, is large, handsome, populous, and has two Parish Churches: But is chiefly noted for ye Castle, in which, among other Curiosities, are depositd the Sword and Armour of the famous, and partly fabulous Earl Guy.

Coventry is a large and antient City, united nr. Litchfield

as

Warwickshire.

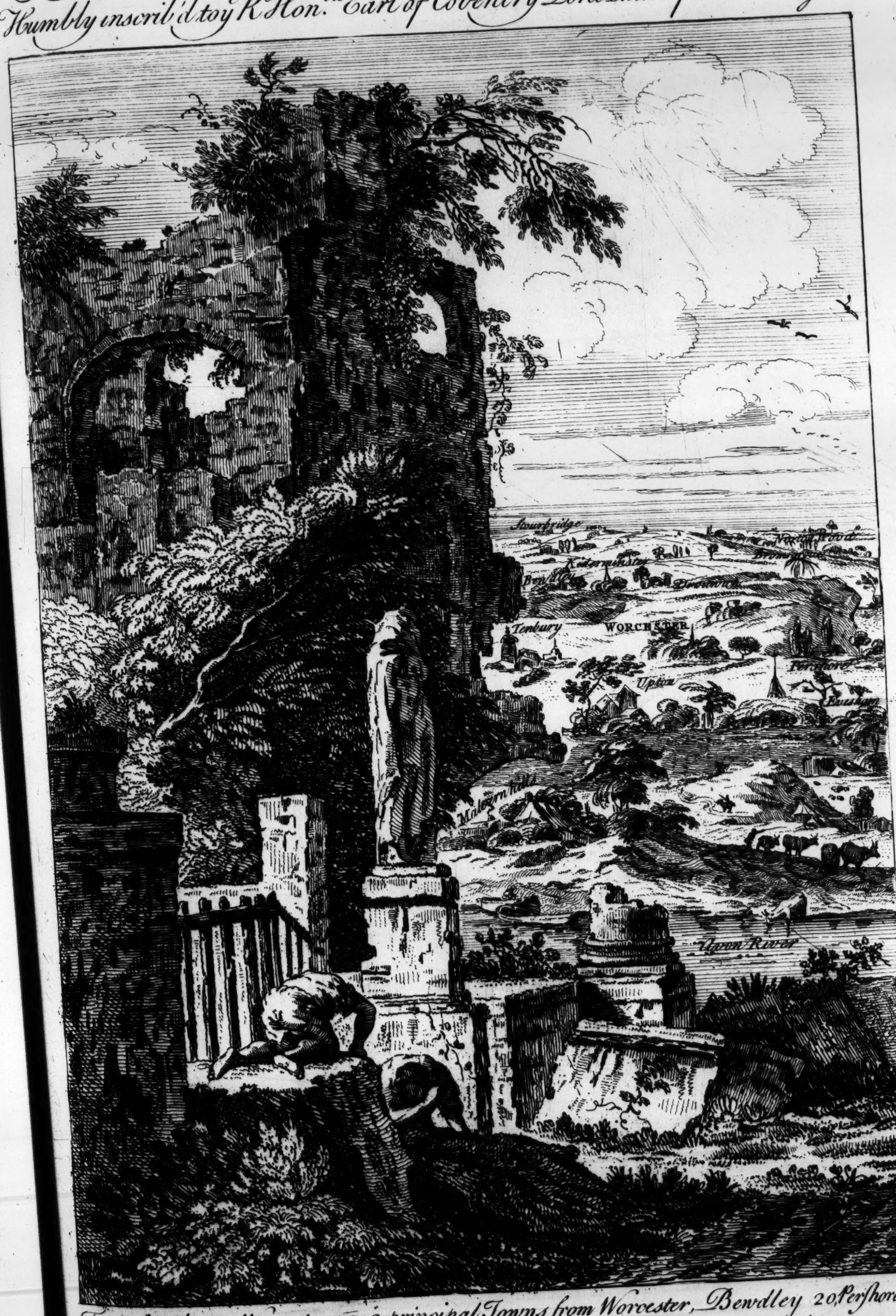
as an Episcopal See; has a good Manufacture, & is very populous; but the Houses are not over-convenient. The chief Things remarkable here are, ye Beautiful Cross, and the annual Custom of Lady Godiva's Riding, of ye Rise of which they tell a long Story. But Birmingham, tho' neither City, Borough, nor Corporation, would perhaps deserve the first Rank in this County, if we were to be guided in our Comparison by either ye Number or Wealth of its Inhabitants, in both which they here annually increase.

Curiosities in Warwickshire are Aulcester, famous for antient Roman Ruins, & part of the Ickenild-Street & Watling-Street Ways, the latter of which divides this County from Leicestershire; Mancester, probably a Fortress of the Old Britons, as it was afterwards of the Romans; Edgehill, where the first Battle was fought between King Charles and his Parliament; the Vale of the Red Horse, with the Figure of a Horse on the side of a Red Hill, as that in Berkshire is on a White Chalk; Newnham, of note for its Medicinal Waters, over which Baths have been lately erected by the Duke of Montagu, for the free use of all Comers.

Noblemen's Seats are, Milcote-House, Duke of Dorset's; Tamworth-Castle, Earl Ferrers's; Newnham-Paddox, Earl of Denbigh's; Compton in ye Hole, Earl of Northampton's; Castle-Bromwich, Viscount Hereford's; Stonely-Abbey, Lord Leigh's; Ragby & Popham, Lord Conway's; Warwick-Castle, Lord Brook's; at Coleshill, Lord Digby's.

A MAP of WORCESTER SHIRE, North West from LONDON

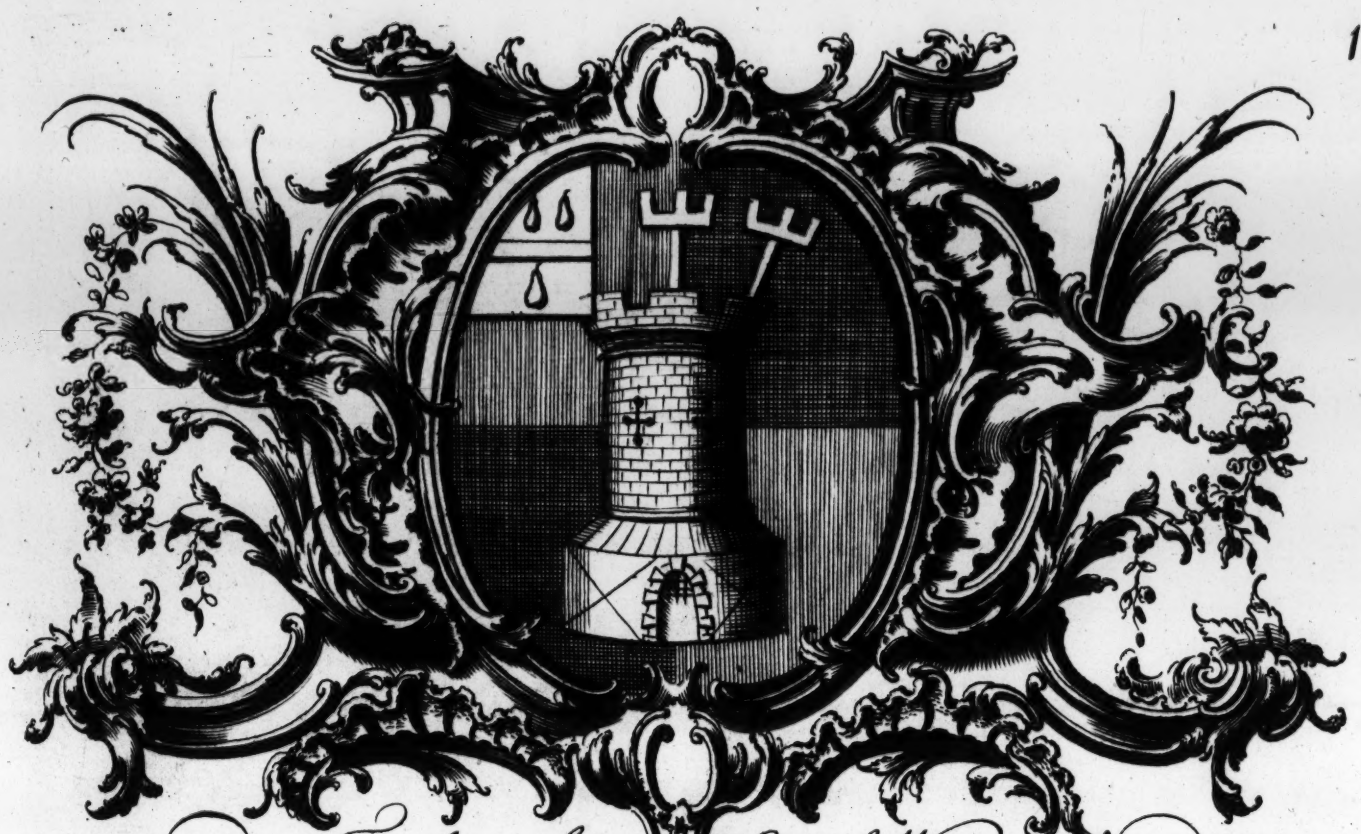
Humbly inscrib'd to y^e R^t Honble Earl of Coventry Lord Lieut.^t of the County



From London to Worcester 112-2, principal Towns from Worcester, Bewdley 20, Pershore 10, Bromsgrove 12, Shipton 30, Droitwich 6, Dudley 38, Evesham 14, Kiderminster 21, Stourbridge 31, Tenbury 24, Tewksbury 15, Upton 13, Five Hundreds, Blackenhurst, Half-Shire, Dodintree, Ofwaldestow, and Pershore.

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The Arms of the City of Worcester.

Worcesterſhire.

This County is bounded upon the North by Staffordshire, on the East and North-East, by Warwickshire; on the West, by Shropshire & Herefordshire; and on the South by Glouceſtershire. The principal Rivers are, ye Severn, which runs thro' it from the North-West, ſouthward, a little inclining to ye East; the Temd, running from ye West to the South-East, till it falls into the Severn; and the Avon, which comes from the East out of Warwickshire, and running moſtly to ye South-West, leaves this County within a very few Miles of the Severn, which it falls into in Glouceſtershire.

The Air of this County is ſweet and wholeſome, the many Waters it abounds with being all running Streams. The Soil is very rich, and the Aſcents in general but moderate. It produces Corn in abundance, particularly in the fertile Vale of Eveſham. The Iron and Salt-Works have almoſt deſtroy'd all ye Wood, and are now ſupplied with Coal. The other Commodities are Cloth, Cheeſe, Fruit, Cyder, and Perry.

Worcestershire.

Worcestershire sends two Knights to Parliament. Bewdly sends but one Burgess, & the following Places two each; Worcester;.....Droitwich,.....Evesham.

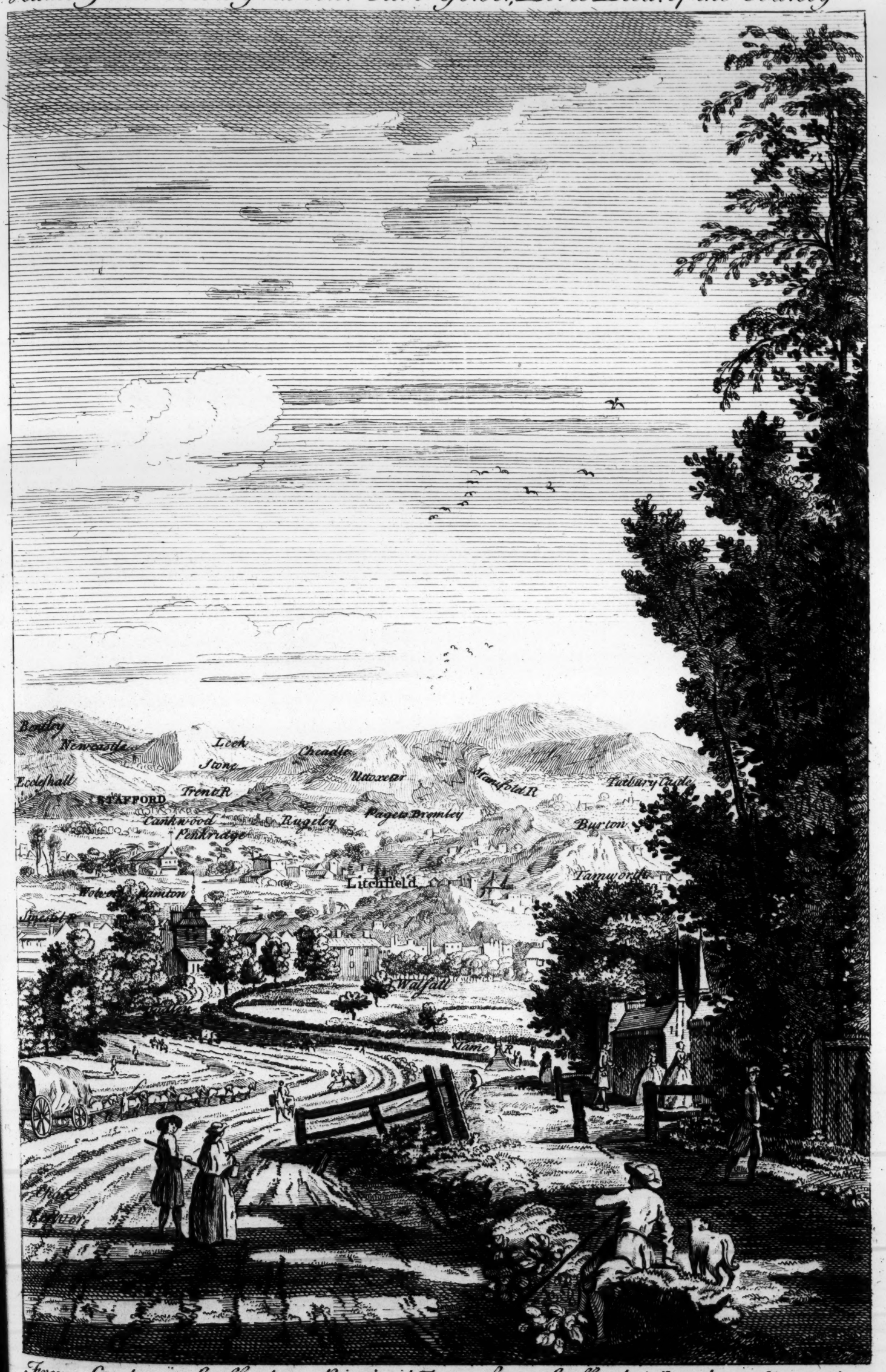
Worcester is pleasantly situated on ye Banks of ye Severn, which here runs with a more gentle Course than any where else. This City is famous in History on many Accounts, but last for the Battle between the Troops of King Charles II, and Oliver Cromwell, when ye latter being Victorious, gave it up to Plunder. It is at this Day large, populous, well-built, and exceedingly well-pavd. The most remarkable publick Buildings are, the Cathedral, the Work-house, the Guild-hall, the stone Bridge, and Berkley's Hospital. The Inhabitants, who are partly Welch, have a large Share in the Clothing Manufacture.

Among the Curiosities, the Salt-works at Droitwich, where the Brine Springs have one of fresh Water in the midst of them, is remarkable. At Dorn are the Ruins of a Roman City, and at Upton was a Roman Station. At Abberton is a bitter, purging, mineral Water; and at Harrow-Hill a medicinal Spring, which, tho' seemingly very soft, has however a petrifying Quality.

Noblemen's Seats are, Grafton, ye Earl of Shrewsbury's; Croom-Court, the Earl of Coventry's, who has also Feckenham-Lodge, and Stoke upon Severn; Lenchwich, Lord Craven's; and Whitley-Court, Lord Foley's.

A MAP of STAFFORD SHIRE, North West from LONDON.

Humbly inscrib'd to y^e^ R^t^ Honble Earl Gower, Lord Lieu^t^ of the County



From London to Stafford 135, Principal Towns from Stafford; to Bentley 23, Newcastle 17. Brewood 11, Pagets-bromley 12, Burton 24, Tutbury 22, Tamworth, 23 Walsall 18, Dudly 22. Penkridge 6 Rugeley 9. Stone 7, Uttoxeter 12, Litchfield 16, Leck 23, Eccleshall 10. Five Hundreds; Cudleston, Offelow, Pirehill, Scisdon & Totmonslow.

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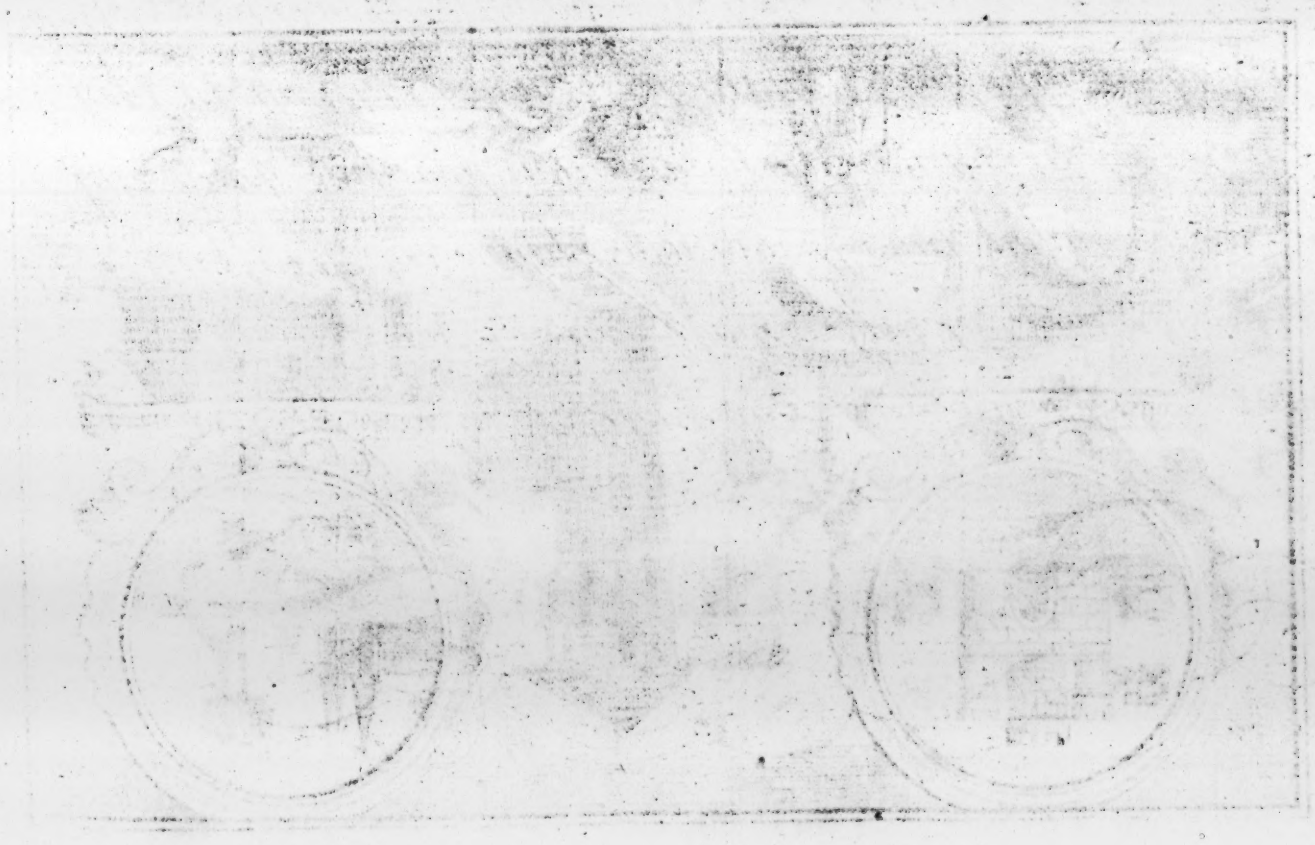
STAFFORDSHIRE.

Staffordshire is bounded on the North-East, North, and North-West, by Derbyshire and Cheshire; on the East & South East by Derbyshire and Warwickshire; on the South by Worcestershire; and on the South-West by Shropshire. Its chief Rivers are the Trent, which receives the Sow two or three Miles below Stafford, and the Dove, which bounds the County on the North-East. In an Island of the Sow stands Stafford, the County Town.

The Air of this County is generally Sharp, but exceeding healthful. The Soil affords good Land, both Arable & Pasture; and even in ye Moorlands, good Husbandry produces tolerable Crops. Here is variety of Earth for ye best Ware, Tobacco-pipes, Ocre, & Fulling; with Channel-Coal, that bears a fine Polish, & in Litchfield Cathedral supplies y^e^ Place of black Marble. Here are also Quarries of several sorts of useful Stones; but y^e^ chief Commodity is Iron-Work.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, Staffordshire sends two Members each for

Stafford,



Staffordshire.

Stafford,..... Litchfield,..... Tamworth,..... and New-Castle-Under-Line.

Stafford, the County Town, is well-built, populous, and of late much improv'd in Wealth by the Clothing Trade. Here is kept up the Old Custom of Borough English, by which the Youngest Son inherits what ye Father poſſeſſes within ye Town.

Litchfield, a City and a County, is antient and famous. It is at present handsome, well-built, and divided by a slow Stream into the City and the Cloſe. The City is the largest and moſt populous; but in the Cloſe are the best Edifices, and among others the Cathedral.

Curioſities here are Wall, a great Town in ye Time of ye Romans, now a ſmall Vilage; Wolverhampton, famous for Iron Wares, especially Locks; ſeveral Antiquities; a natural Phoſphorus in a Ditch near Litchfield; a remarkable Service at Heſsington to ye Lord of Hilton, that has ſome humorous Circumstances.

Noblemen's Seats are, Newborough, the Duke of Bridgewater's; Alston-Castle, Earl of Shrewſbury's; Elford, Earl of Berkshire's; Stafford-Caſtle, Earl of Stafford's; Beaudesert, Earl of Uxbridge's; Sandwell, Earl of Dartmouth's; Envil-Hall, Earl of Stamford's; Trentham, Lord Gower's; Stourton, Lord Stourton's; Rednare, Lord Leigh's; Careswell, Lord Vane's; Dudley-Castle, Lord Dudley's; Tixal, Lord Aſton's; and Ingstree, Lord Chetwynd's.

Antiquities, and Curiosities,

Found in

STAFFORDSHIRE.



Serpent Stone found near Dudley.



Both Sides of a Danish Funeral Monument near Checkley.



A Fire Stone found at Radley.



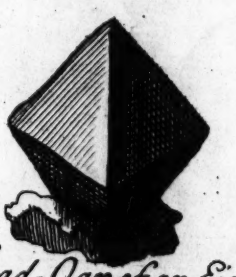
Star Stone found near Beresford.



A British Dart of Flint found near Leigh.



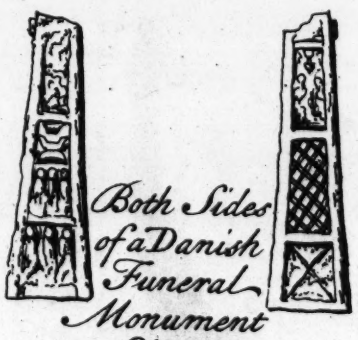
A Barbed Arrow like Flint found near Beresford.



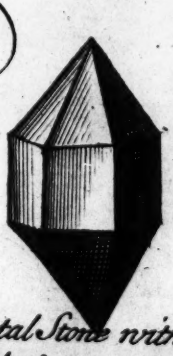
Lead-Oar of an Eight sided form at Ectonhill.



Star Stone found near Abbots-Bromley.



Both Sides of a Danish Funeral Monument near Checkley.



A Chrystal Stone with Six equal Sides & as many Angles.



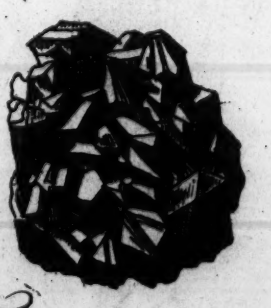
Formid Stone partly Cylindrical found here.



A Roman Hunting Spear found near Pirehill.



The Head of a Roman Rest.



Formid Chrystal Stone found near Dudley Castle.

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STAFFORDSHIRE

A MAP of the COUNTY of SALOP. North West from London.

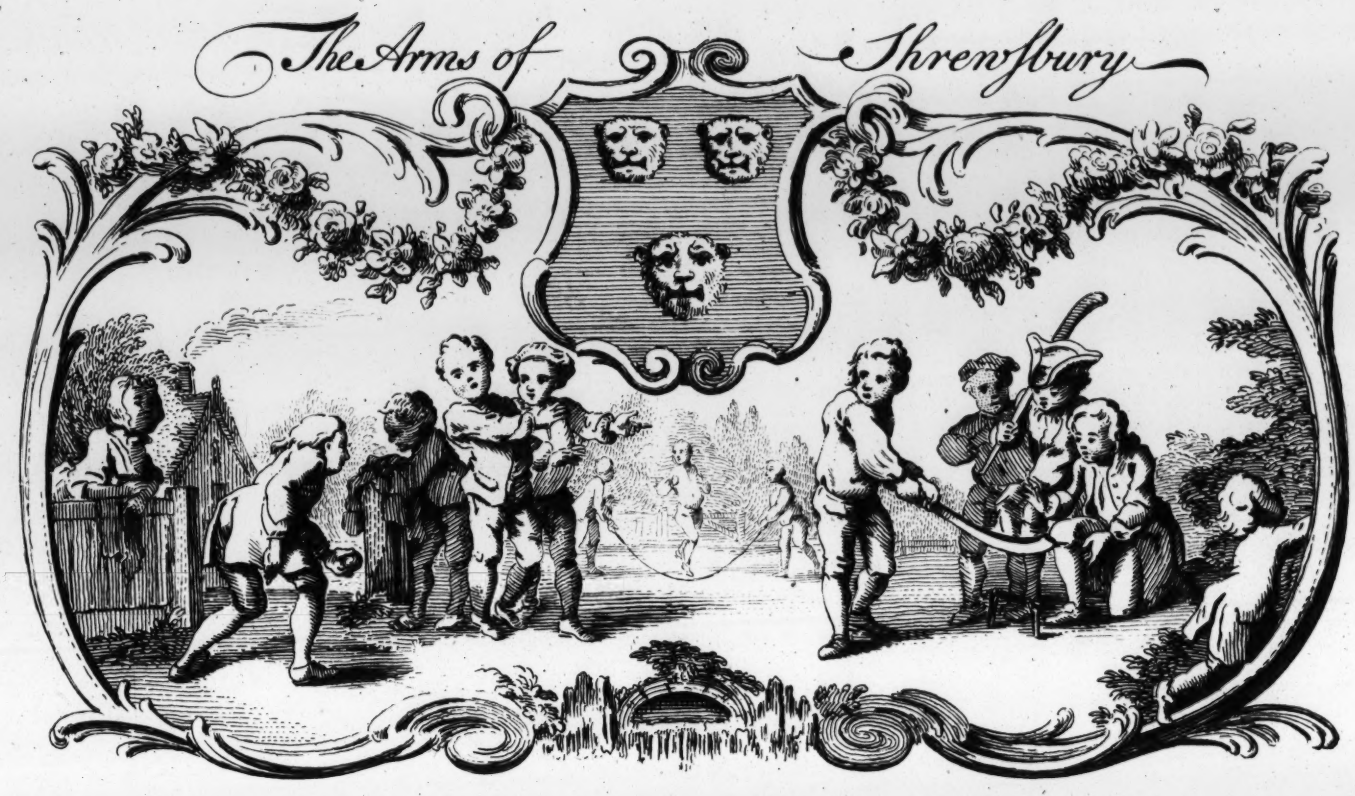
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From London to Shrewsbury 157. Principal Towns from Shrewsbury to Ludlow 29. Bridgnorth 21. G. Wenlock 8. Bishops Castle 24. Church Stretton 13. Newport 18. Whitchurch 20 Oswestry 16 Ellesmere 16 Drayton 18.

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SHROPSHIRE.

Bounded on y^e North by Cheshire & Flintshire; on the West by Denbighshire, and Montgomeryshire; on y^e South by Radnorshire, Herefordshire, & Worcestershire; and on the East by Staffordshire. The Severn and ye Temd are the principal Rivers, of which the first receives a great many of less note, and traverses a great Part of the County.

The Air and Soil vary according as the Country is level or hilly: But as the first is every where healthy, & generally mild; the latter is for ye most part fertile. Even the rough southern and western Parts afford plenty of Pasturage for Sheep and Cattle, & abound beneath with Coal and Iron Stone. The other chief Commodities are Wheat, Barly, Wood, and Cattle.

Shropshire sends to Parliament two Knights, and the following Towns two Burgesses each.

Shrewsbury,..... Bridgnorth,..... Ludlow,
Wenlock,..... and ..... Bishop's-Castle.

The Severn encompasses Shrewsbury in ye form of an Horse-shoe,

leaving

Shropshire.

leaving it open only on ye North. This Town is antient, large, populous, rich, delightfully situated, fill'd with Gentry as well as Tradesmen, and prides herself upon a Tradition of having once refused to be call'd a City, in order to remain the first Borough in England. The Cloth and Flannel Manufactures are here in a flourishing Condition.

The Castle of Shrewsbury is entirely decay'd, and that of Ludlow is in a very ruinous State. This latter Town is well-built, and has a Wall with seven Gates. Bridgnorth is still remarkable for its situation, as it was formerly for the Strength to which that situation contributed.

The Curiosities here are part of ye Watling-street-way, so called from its being supported by Stakes interwoven with smaller Wood; Wroxeter, the Ruins of ye antient Uriconium, a great City of ye Romans; a remarkable Spring at Boseley, which may be made to burn like Spirits; a Pitchy Bitumen on a Well at Pitchford; a Stratum of Bituminous Matter in some Parts of the Earth; and Boscobel Wood, where King Charles II hid himself in an Oak after the Battle of Worcester.

Noblemen's Seats are, Ellesmere, Duke of Bridgewater's; Pepperhill, Earl of Shrewsbury's; Tong-Castle, Duke of Kingston's; Onslow-Hall, Lord Onslow's; Shefnal, Earl of Stafford's; Stoke, Lord Craven's; & Botfield, Lord Weymouth's.

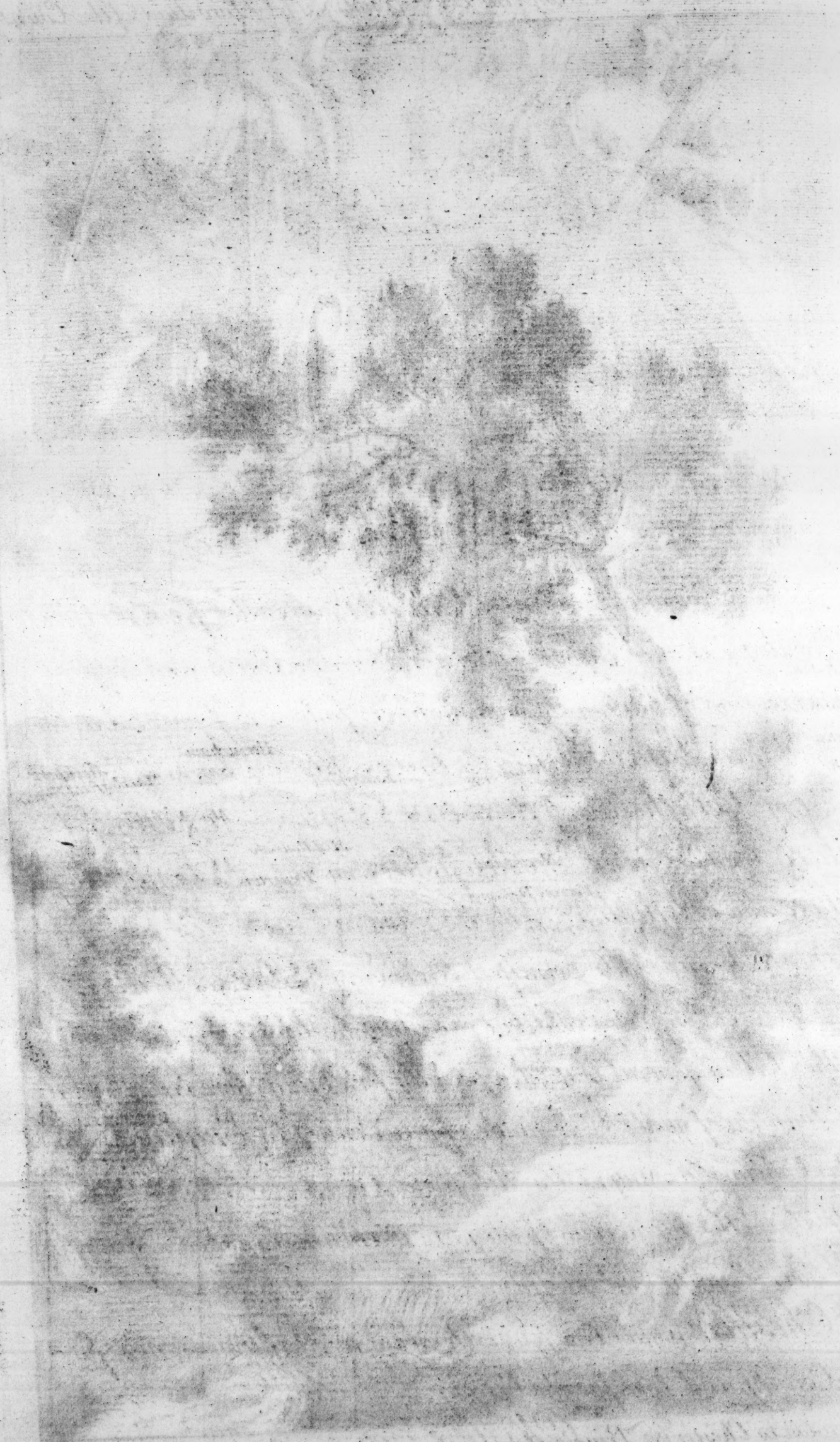
A MAP of CHESHIRE. North West from LONDON

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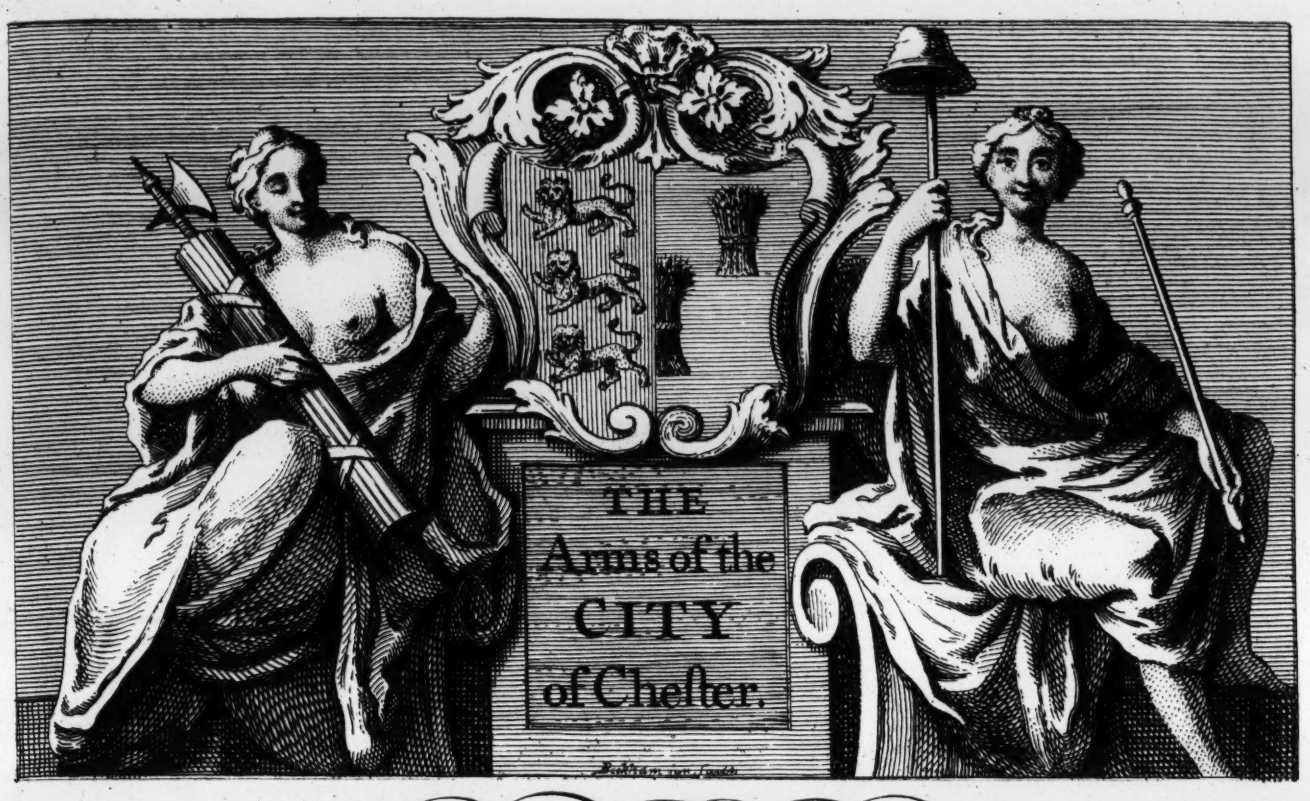


From London to Chester 182, Principal towns from Chester, Altrincham 30, Middlewich 20, Congleton 30, Nantwich 18, Frodsham 23 Northwich 16, Knotsford 23, Sandbach 25, Macclesfield 34, Stockport 35, Malpas 14, Seven Hundreds, Boxton Nantwich Marfield, Buskton, Northwich, Wetrall, Edsbury,

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Cheſhire

The County Palatine of Chester, ſo called from the Great Privileges it once enjoy'd under its ſovereign Earls and thoſe it now retains of having its own diſtinct Judges, is ſeparated on the North from Lancaſhire by the River Merſey, touching a ſmall part of Yorkſhire on ye North-East. Derbyſhire & Staffordſhire bound it on ye East, Shropſhire on ye South, Denbighſhire and Flintſhire on the Weſt, and on ye North-Weſt part of ye Iriſh Ocean. Other principal Rivers are ye Dee & ye Weaver.

The Air is pretty cold, but exceeding healthy to ye Inhabitants. The Soil in general is good, eſpecially for Paſture, here being ye greateſt Quantity of good Cheeſe made of any County in England. The other Commodities are Salt, Mill-ſtones, Corn, Cattle, Fiſh, Fowls, & Metals. The numerous Gentry are particularly taken notice of for their Loyalty and Hoſpitality.

Cheſhire ſends but four Members to Parliament, two for the County, and two for the City of Chester.

Cheshire.

Chester City is so antient that the Date of its Beginning is lost in Fable. It is surrounded with Ramparts, has Streets crossing each other at right Angles, and four Gates fronting the four Cardinal Points. The Choaking of the River Dee by Sands thrown up by the Sea has caused a great Decay in the Trade of this City, which the Inhabitants hope to recover by an artificial Channel. Here is a handsome Cathedral, and the Foot-Ways in the Streets are cloyster'd over, so that one may walk any where and be dry in wet Weather.

Nantwich, Middlewich, and Northwich are ye three famous Places in Cheshire for making of Salt. Nantwich being in other respects the second Town in the County.

Curiosities here are, the Jurisdiction over Pipers, Fiddlers, Harpers, and Harlots; belonging to ye Dutton Family, who had formerly Power to license either of these Professions; Sheep of a very extraordinary Size, in Stiperly Park, with four Horns, and a hairy kind of Wool, seeming to be something between the Sheep and the Goat; Fir-trees found under Ground, and supposed to have lain there ever since the Flood; a very volatile Spring; the Remains of Hugh Lupus, first Earl of Chester, and Nephew of the Conqueror, found about 20 Years ago.

Noblemen's Seats are Cholmondeley-hall & Vale-Royal, Earl of Cholmondeley's; Dunham-Massey, Earl of Warrington's; Rock-Savage, Earl of Barrimore's; Woodhay, Earl of Dysart's; and Dutton, Lord Gerrard's.

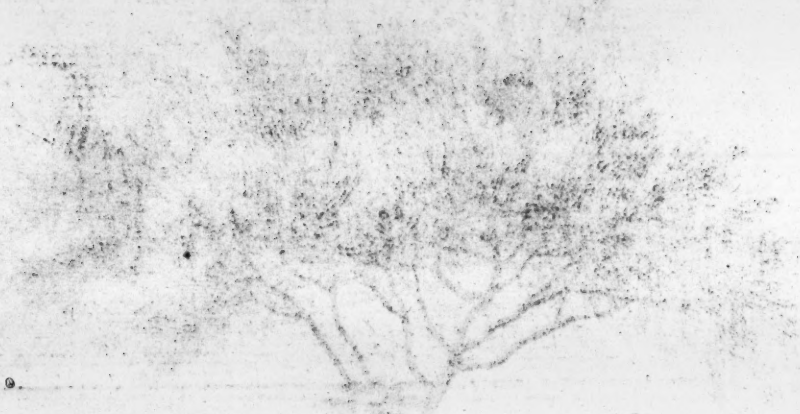
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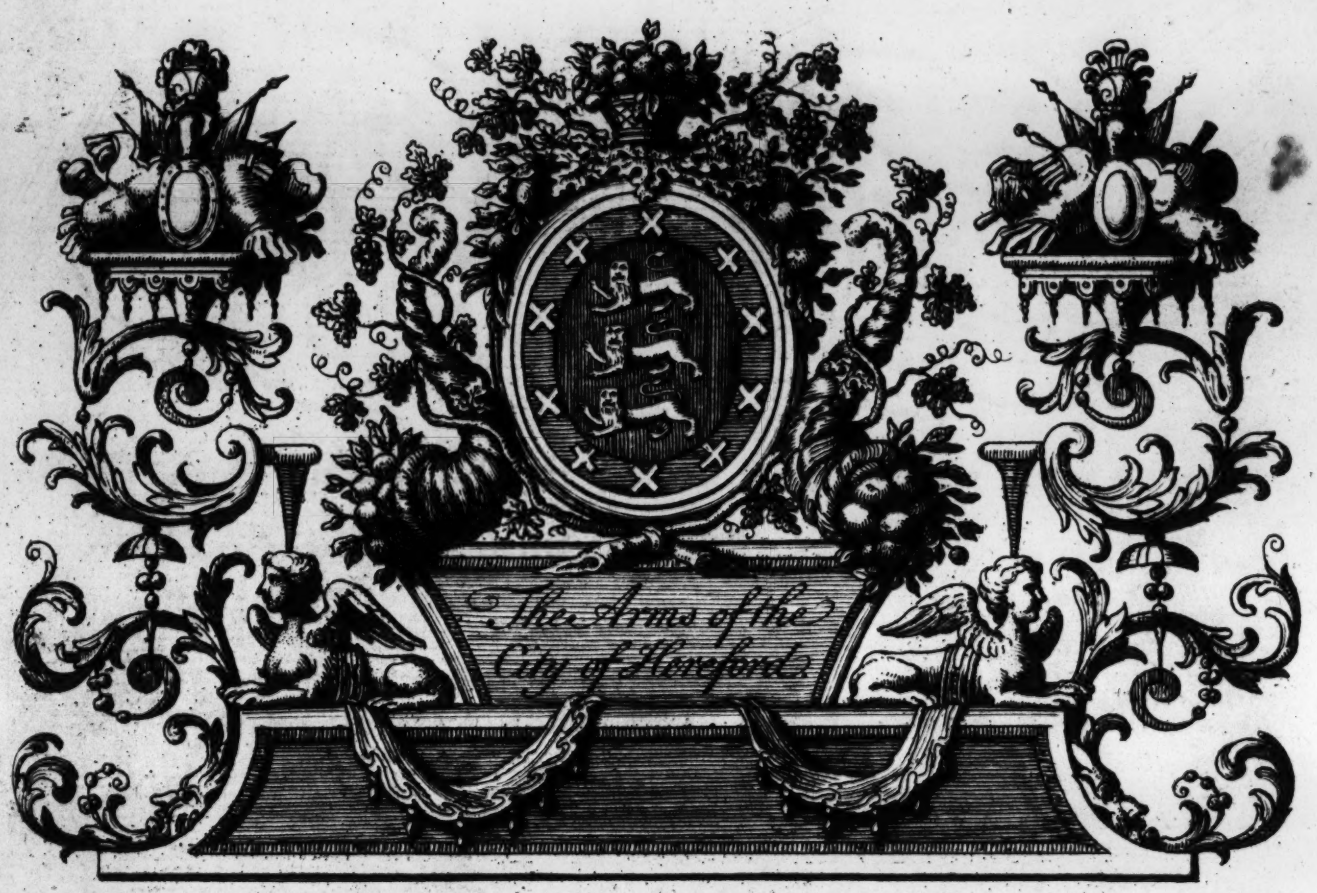


From London to Hereford 130 - Principal Towns from Hereford Bramyard 22 Kyneton 18 Leominster 14 Pembridge 13 Ross 12 Weobly 12 Eleven Hundreds Broxashe Ewaisley Greytree Grimsworth Huntington Radlow Stretford Webtree Wegmore Wolsey and Wormlow

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Herefordshire.

This County is bounded on the North by Shropshire; on ye East by Worcestershire and Gloucestershire; on the West by Radnor and Brecknockshires; and on ye South by Monmouthshire. Its chief River is the Wye, besides which it has ye Monnow, the Lug, and ye Frome, all abounding in Fish. The Wye enters ye County from the West, & runs Eastward by Hereford, after which its Course is right South to Monmouth.

The Air is healthful, which causes many of ye Inhabitants to live to a great Age, and the Soil at the same time rich; these two Qualities seldom happening together. For Corn and Fruit it is surpas'd by no County: Such is the Excellence of the latter, and of ye Cyder produc'd from it, that Herefordshire Cyder is a name commonly given to recommend that of other Counties. Its other Commodities are Wool, Wood, and Fish.

Besides ye two Knights, Herefordshire sends two Members each for

Hereford,..... Leominster,..... Weobly.

Hereford

Herefordshire.

Hereford is a large and antient City; but not very populous, nor trading, having scarce any Manufactury but Gloves. It stands in a fine situation. The Buildings in general are old & mean; but the Cathedral is magnificent. The Town of *Ross*, tho' no Borough, is well built, populous, and much frequented.

Several Curious Antiquities have been discovered in this County, particularly once a Coronet of Gold set with Diamonds. But *Marcley-Hill* is the greatest Curiosity, which after shaking 3 Days in 1575, began to move of a Sunday Evening, and travel'd above 200 Foot by two ye next Morning, carrying with it the Trees & Sheep that were upon it, and throwing down all in its Way. Here is noted besides, *Bone-Well*, from which continually issue great Quantities of small Bones, tho' it be often emptied.

Noblemen's Seats are *Akenbury*, Duke of *Chandos's*; *Brampton-Brian*, Earl of *Oxford's*; *Hampton*, late Lord *Coningsby's*; *Shopton-Court*, Lord *Bateman's*.



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A MAP of MONMOUTHSHIRE, West from LONDON

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From London to Monmouth 127 miles, Principal towns from Monmouth: Abergavenny 5, Newport 24, Kaer Lheion 20, Pontypool 17, Chepston 14, Uske 11, Seven Hundreds, Bergrave, Ragland, Wenlooge, Caldicott, Skenfrith, Uske, & Nye.

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The Arms of the Town of Monmouth.



MONMOUTHSHIRE.

This County is bounded on the North by Herefordshire, on the East by Gloucestershire, on the South by ye Bristol-Channel, and on the West by Brecknock & Glamorgan Shires in South Wales. The principal Rivers are ye Wye, the Mynow, the Uske, the Avon, and the Rumpney.

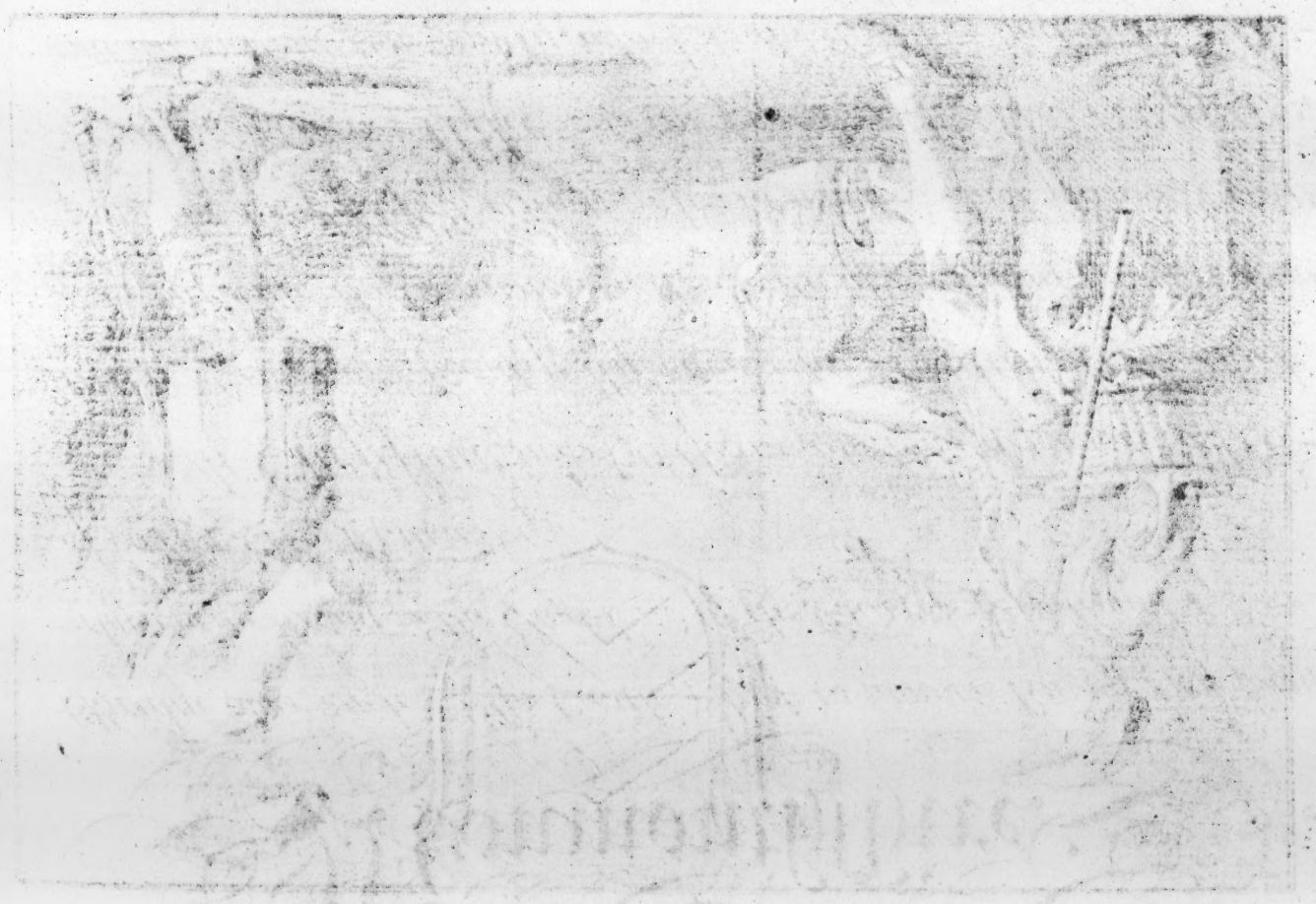
A temperate and healthful Air, and a fruitful, tho' hilly & woody Soil, are the Characteristicks of Monmouthshire. The Hills feed abundance of Cattle and Sheep, and the Vales produce plenty of Grass & Corn. Other Commodities are Fish & Fowl, and the Flannels here manufactured.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, this County sends to Parliament only one Burgess for the chief Town

Monmouth.

This is a large handsome Place, pleasantly Situated at the Junction of the Wye and the Mynow, having a Stately Stone

Bridge



Monmouthshire.

Bridge over each. The Castle, which is now in Ruins, was formerly very Strong. The East-End of the Church is esteem'd a Piece of curious Workmanship.

At Chepston, near 60 Years ago, was discover'd a Roman Pavement beautifully variegated. Gold-Cliff, which juts out into the Channel, in the South of the County, is so called from the bright Glittering it reflects when ye Sun shines. Caer-Leon, on ye River Uske, was the famous Isca of ye Romans, and an antient University, which is the Occasion that many Roman Antiquities are found in this County. Nant-Pentkarn, near Newport, is the Ford over which King Henry II passed when he went to conquer Wales. His freckled Face was the chief Cause of his Success, Merlin having prophesied to his Countrymen, that when ever a Prince of this Complexion passed there, they must submit to him.

Noblemen's Seats are, Troy-house, & Ragland-Castle, the Duke of Beaufort's; St. Julian's, Lord Herbert's of Cherbury, and Abergavenny, belonging to the Lord who bears that Title.



A Phiala or Bowl found at Caer-Leon.



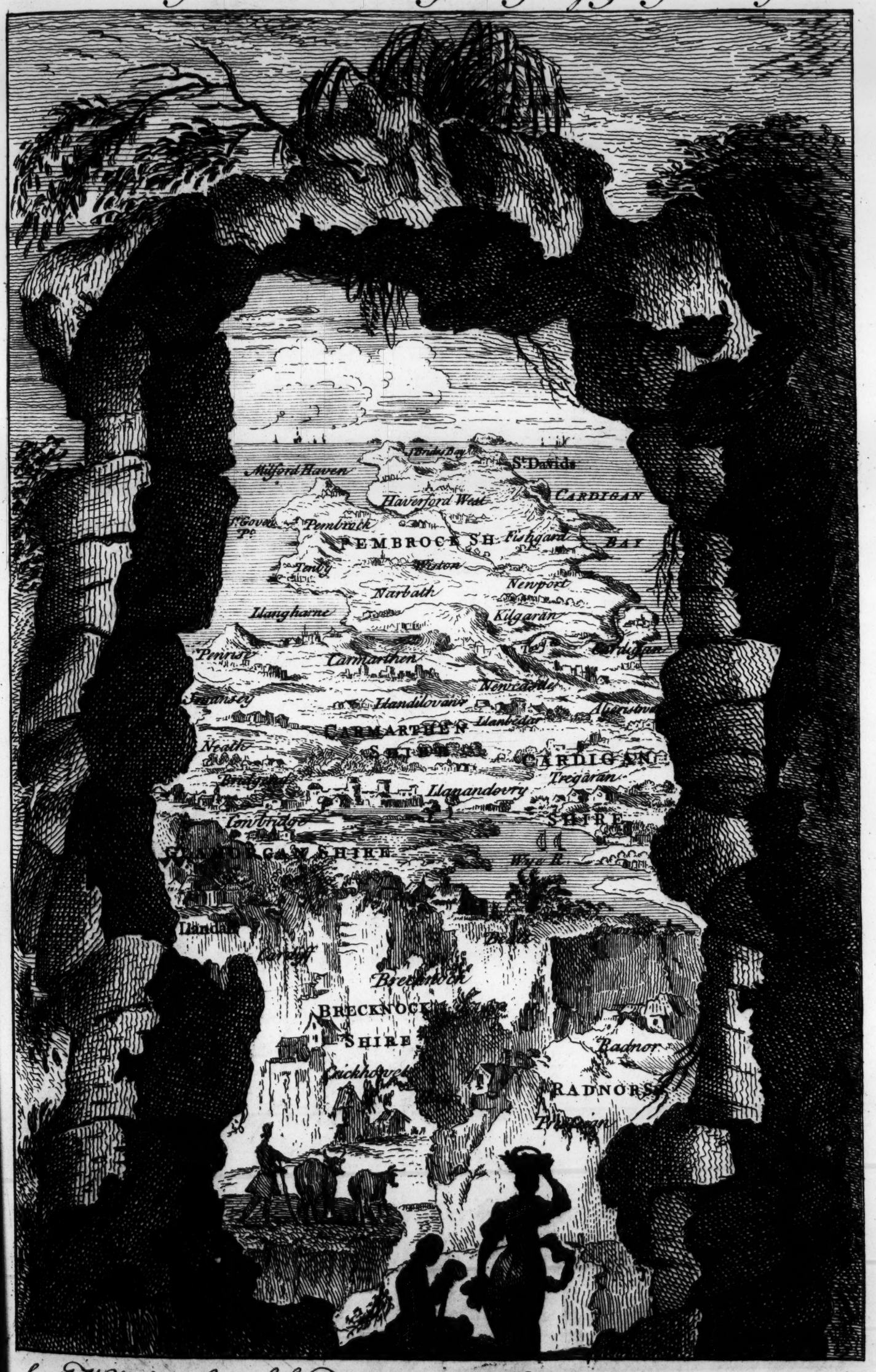
The Alabaster Statue found near Porch Shini.



A Roman Fibula found at Caer-Leon.

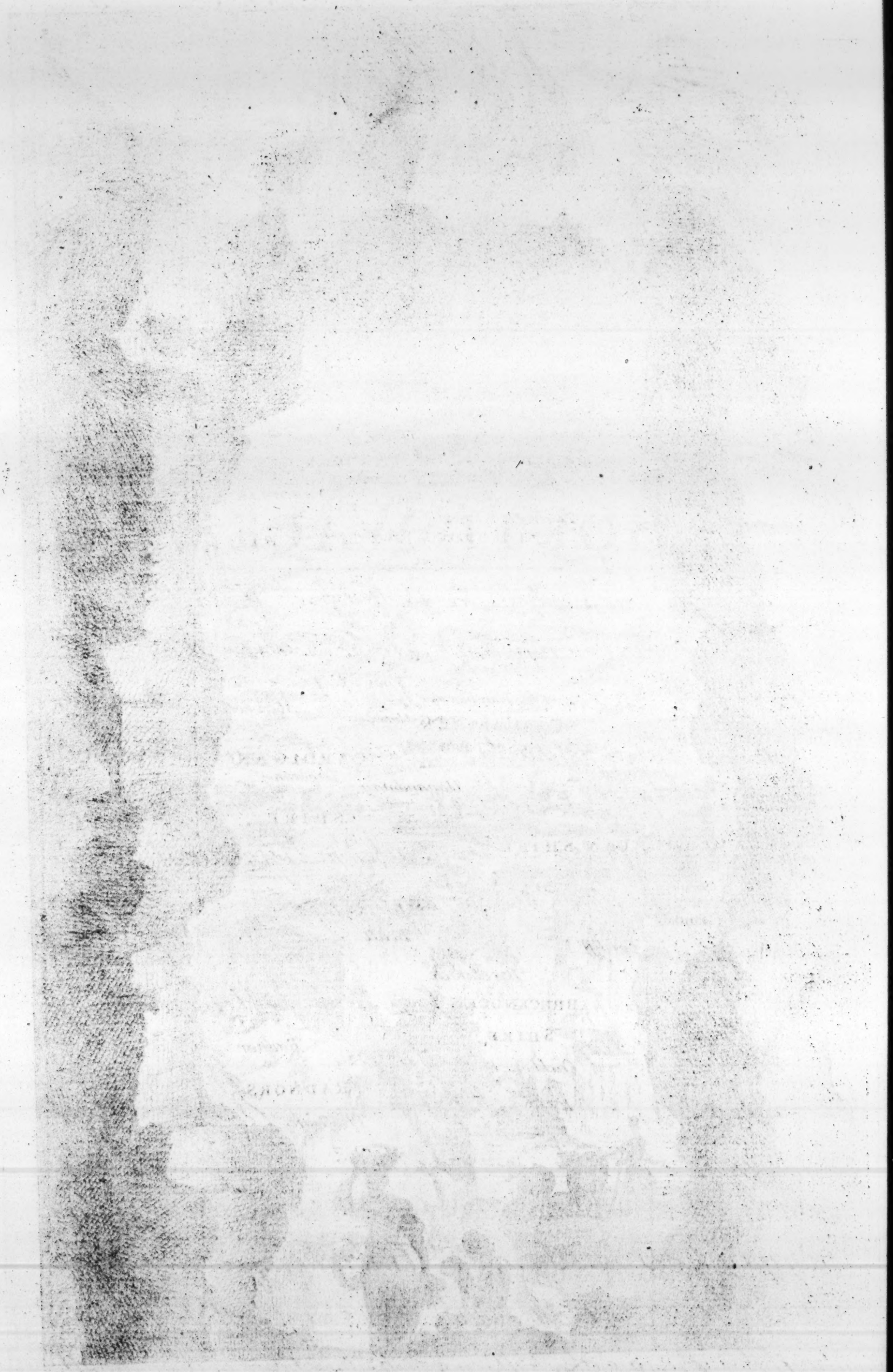
A MAP of SOUTH WALES West from London

Most humbly Inscribid to his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales



South Wales is in length from Breaksea point to Craven point in Anglesey 150 m. in Breadth from Alston in Salop. in y^e^ Borders of Montgomery to Llanebaron the Sea Coast in Merioneth Shire 50 m. This is y^e^ narrowest part of Wales, see following Map

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The Arms of the Town of Caermarthen.



SOUTH WALES.

To avoid being tedious, we shall describe the twelve Counties of *Wales* under two Divisions only, as they are taken by the *Welch* Judges in their Circuits. *South Wales* comprehends the Counties of *Glamorgan*, *Caermarthen*, *Pembroke*, *Brecknock*, *Radnor*, & *Cardigan*. They are bounded on ye East by the Counties of *Salop*, *Hereford*, and *Monmouth*; on the North by *Merioneth* & *Montgomery* Shires, in *North Wales*; on the West by St *George's*, & in ye South by *Bristol* Channel. Principal Rivers are the *Wye*, the *Uske*, the *Taffy*, the *Tove*, the *Clethy*, and the *Tivyvy*.

The Air of *South Wales* is various, according as ye Country is more or less open or mountainous: But in general it is very healthful. And as to the Soil, it is in the Shires of *Glamorgan*, *Caermarthen*, and *Pembroke*, equal to most in *England* for Fertility. In the other Counties there are very fruitful Vallies, and the Hills nourish abundance of their small Cattle, which are one of their principal Commodities. Wood,

Pit-

South Wales.

Pit-Coal, Fowl, Fish, especially Salmon, Corn, Goats, Fur, Horses, and Cheese, are other Productions of these Counties. At Brecknock are Manufactures of Cloth and Stockings.

Each of the Welch Counties sends one Knight of the Shire to Parliament, and in those we have mentioned the following Boroughs elect one each.....Cardiff,

Caermarthen,.....Pembroke,....Haverford-West,

Cardigan,.....Radnor,.....and..Brecknock.

These Places with Aberystwith in Cardiganshire, Presteign in Radnorshire, and Swansey in Glamorganshire, are the chief Towns in South Wales both for Magnitude and Trade: For as to Landaff and St. Davids; ye two Episcopal Sees, they are of very little Consideration, except for the Beauty of their old Gothic Cathedrals. St. Davids stands quite at the Extremity of South Wales towards Ireland, & Landaff just upon the Borders of Monmouthshire in England.

Cardiff is well-built, indifferently large, and has a good Trade, chiefly with Bristol. Caermarthen is ye London of South Wales, being the chief Resort of the Gentry, and a well-built, populous, thriving Town. Pembroke is reckoned next to it both for Extent & Riches. It stands on Milford-Haven, which is the finest in Britain, & hath such an extensive Commerce as to employ near 200 Ships. Haverford-West is also well-built, neat, & populous, the Seat of ye Assizes for Pembrokeshire, which is the only Welch County that chuses two Burgesses to Parliament. Cardigan trades to-

Ireland,

South Wales.

Ireland, chiefly in Lead, and is a large well-peopled Town.

Aberystwith is an encreasing Place. Radnor is a good Town, but over top'd by Presteign both in Buildings and People.

Brecknock has been formerly a considerable Fortress, and is at present a well-built Town of good Trade.

The Castle of Caeriphilly, in Glamorganshire, has been equal to that of Windsor both for Beauty and Strength, but is now pretty much decayed. In the Isle of Barra ye People pretend to hear a subterraneous Noise, like the Working in a Smith's Shop.

There is a circular Stone Monument on a Mountain in Caermarthenshire, resembling Roll-rich Stones in Oxfordshire; and in ye same County is a remarkable Barrow, supposed to have been the Burying Place of some antient British King.

Near St David's was a rocking Stone, which, like that in Cornwall, has been thrown out of its Equilibre. St David's Body lies in the Cathedral which bears his Name. From ye sides of the vast Mountain of Plinlimon, in Cardiganshire, flow three great Rivers, the Wye, the Severn, and the Rhydal. Offa's Dyke, thrown up as a Boundary between the English and Welch, runs thro' Radnorshire. Brecknock-Mere is remarkably crouded with Fish. We do not enumerate here all ye antique Curiosities, Roman or British, that are found in-

South Wales.

in these six Counties; but must observe in general, that all Wales is full of the Monuments of King Arthur, the Welch commonly affixing the Name of that Monarch to Antiquities of wch they have no certain Account.

There are not a great Number of Noblemen's Seats in South Wales. Brecknockshire has two, Creckhowel-Castle and Tretower-Castle, both belonging to the Duke of Beaufort. In Caermarthenshire are Emlyn-Castle and Golden-Grove, the Duke of Bolton's, and Aberguilly, the Bishop of St. David's: In Glamorganshire, Invansey-Castle, the Duke of Beaufort's, Cardiff-Castle, the Earl of Pembroke's, Kynsig-Castle, Lord Mansel's. The late Earl of Leicester had also a Seat in this County.

We do not find any Name above a Baronet in the Counties of Pembroke, Radnor, and Cardigan.



A Map of North Wales N. West from London

Most humbly Inscribid to her Royal Highness, Princess Dowager of Wales.



North Wales is in Breadth taking it from Crickhowel on ye Borders of Brecknockshire to Dr Davids head in Pembrokeshire 99 m. The Isle of Anglesey. Beaumaris ye chief Town from London 241 m. & Wrexham is ye largest Town in N. Wales in ye County of Denbigh.

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The Arms of the Town of Denbigh.



NORTH WALES.

This Division, which contains the Counties of Anglesea, Caernarvon, Merioneth, Montgomery, Denbigh, *and* Flint, *is bounded on the North & West by the* Irish *Sea, or* St. George's Channel; *on ye East by* Cheshire & Shropshire, *in* England; *and on the South by the Counties of* Radnor *and* Cardigan *in* South Wales. *Principal Rivers are y^e* Dee, *the* Clwyd, *the* Conway, *y^e* Avon, *y^e* Dwyfi, *and y^e* Severn.

The Air of this Part is in general more bleak, sharp, & healthful than in the South, tho' with like Variety, in proportion as it is more or less distant from the Sea, or sheltered by Mountains.

The Soil is also various; but better in Anglesea, *the Vale of* Clwyd *in* Denbighshire, *and some Parts of* Flintshire *and* Montgomeryshire, *than in ye rest of this Spot. The chief Commodities of the whole are Corn, Cattle, Fish, Fowl, Goats, Wood, Lead-Ore, Butter, Cheese, Pit-Coal, Mill-Stones, Honey, and Horses.*

Anglesea is so abundant, that the Welch *call it the Mother or Nurse of* Wales: *The* Montgomeryshire *Horses are of a larger Breed than in the other Counties.*

Members

NORTH WALES.

Members of Parliament are in all Eleven, one for each County, and one each for the Boroughs of

Beaumaris,.....Caernarvon,.....Montgomery,
Denbigh,.....and.....Flint.

There is no Burgefs in all Merionethshire.

Denbigh and Wrexham, both in the fame County, feem to contend for ye Honour of being ye Capital Town in North Wales. They are both large and populous, and carry on conſiderable Trades, the firſt in Tanning & Glove-making, & ye latter in ye Flannel Manufacture.

Beaumaris, in Anglesea, is handſome, populous, and has a good Harbour, lying directly in the Road for thoſe who go by the Packet-Boat to Ireland. Caernarvon is neatly built, and ſtrong by Nature. The Inhabitants are peculiarly noted for their Courteſy. Edward II, the firſt Engliſh Prince of Wales, was born in a Caſtle built here by his Father. Harleigh, in Merionethshire, is noted only for its ſtrong Situation and Antiquity.

Montgomery is pleaſantly Situated, but indifferently built in general. Flint, tho' a County Town and a Borough, is but mean, and has no Market. S^t^ Aſaph, one of ye Sees of North Wales, ſtands in Flintſhire, as Bangor, the other See, does in Caernarvonshire: The former is pleaſantly Situated, and has ſome good Houſes; but an indifferent Cathedral: The latter is pretty well peopled, & is thought to have ye Oldeſt Cathedral in Great Britain.

The chief Curioſities are, in Anglesea, Trer-Drun, thought to be the antient Reſidence of ye Druids, and ſeveral antient Monuments, British and Roman: In Caernarvonſhire, the higheſt Rock in all ye Britiſh Dominions, ſtanding upon the ſummit of

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North Wales

a Cluster of Mountains; a sort of one Eyed Trouts in Llan y Knn Lake; Muscles with Pearls in them in yᵉ River Conway; & the Ruins of an impregnable Fortification upon Penmaen-mawr; and near yᵉ Remains of a British Temple; in Merionethshire a livid Vapour that sometimes rises from yᵉ Sea, & spreads Desolation over the Country, if not prevented by the discharging of Fire-Arms, or by some Means putting the Air in Agitation; and several Monuments, British & Roman, the Origin of which is not known; in Montgomeryshire, yᵉ Ruins of Kenn-Kaer, Meivod, and some other Places of antient Fame; in Denbighshire, the remarkable Cave called King Arthur's Round Table, having 24 Seats of different Dimensions, and several Remains of antient Fortifications; and in Flintshire, St. Winifred's-Well, or Holy-Well, famous for yᵉ Coldness and Rapidity of the Streem, and for the traditional Miracles that were wrought by it in the Times of Popish Superstition.

Noblemen's Seats. Lord Bulkeley has one near Beaumaris. Holt-Castle, near Wrexham was yᵉ Earl of Derby's. Powis-Castle & Buttington-Hall are both Seats of yᵉ Marquess of Powis, and Llymore-Lodge and Llyssin belonging to yᵉ Lord Herbert of Cherbury. Winstay, the Seat of Sr Watkin Williams Wynn, deserves to be mentioned among these, on Account of the great Wealth and Interest of the worthy Owner.



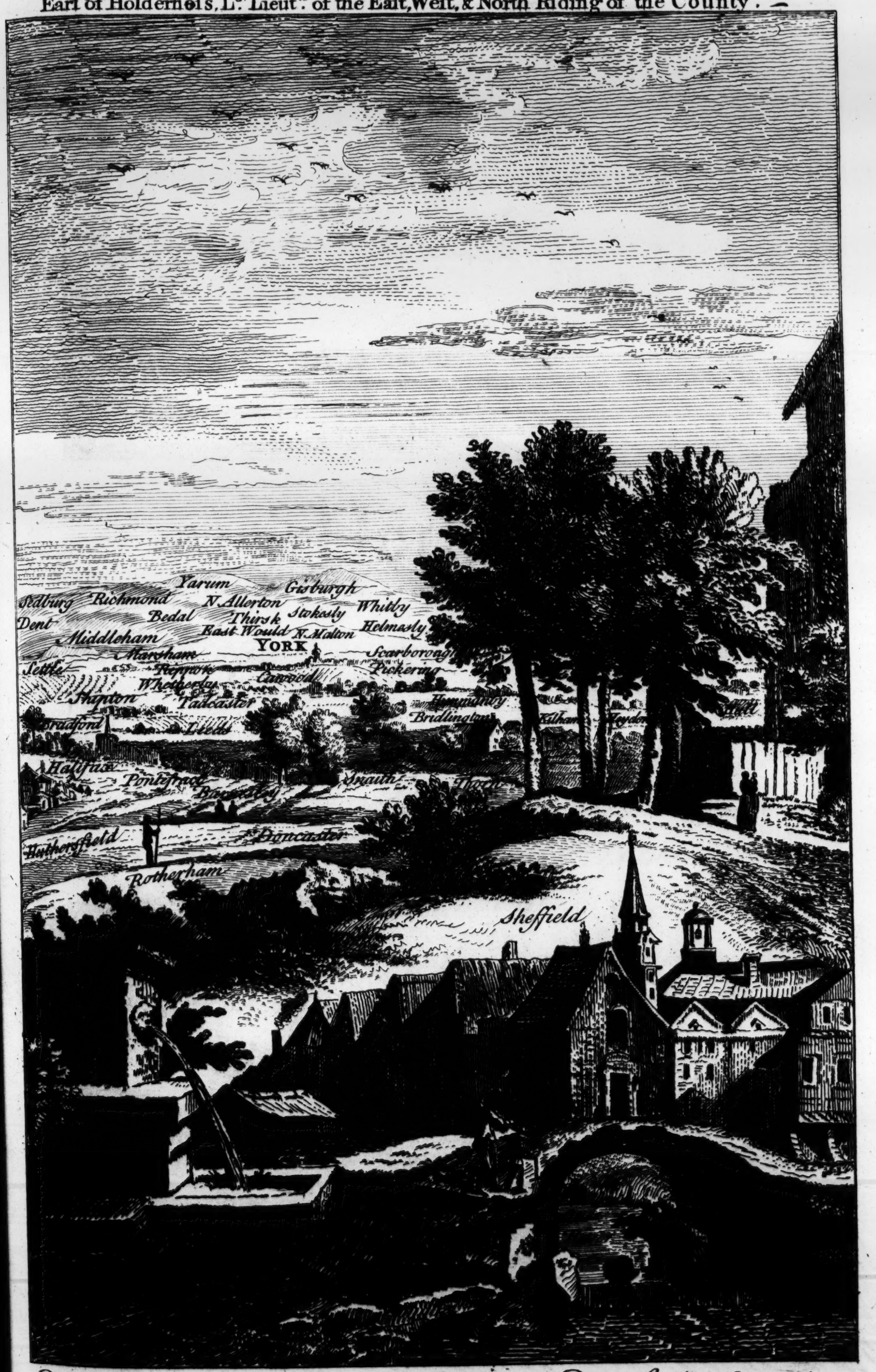
Adder-Bead, or Glain-Neider found in Merionethshire.

Another —— of Glass undulated with White, Red and Blue.



A MAP of YORK SHIRE. North from London.

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Earl of Holdernefs, L.d Lieut.ts of the East, West, & North Riding of the County.

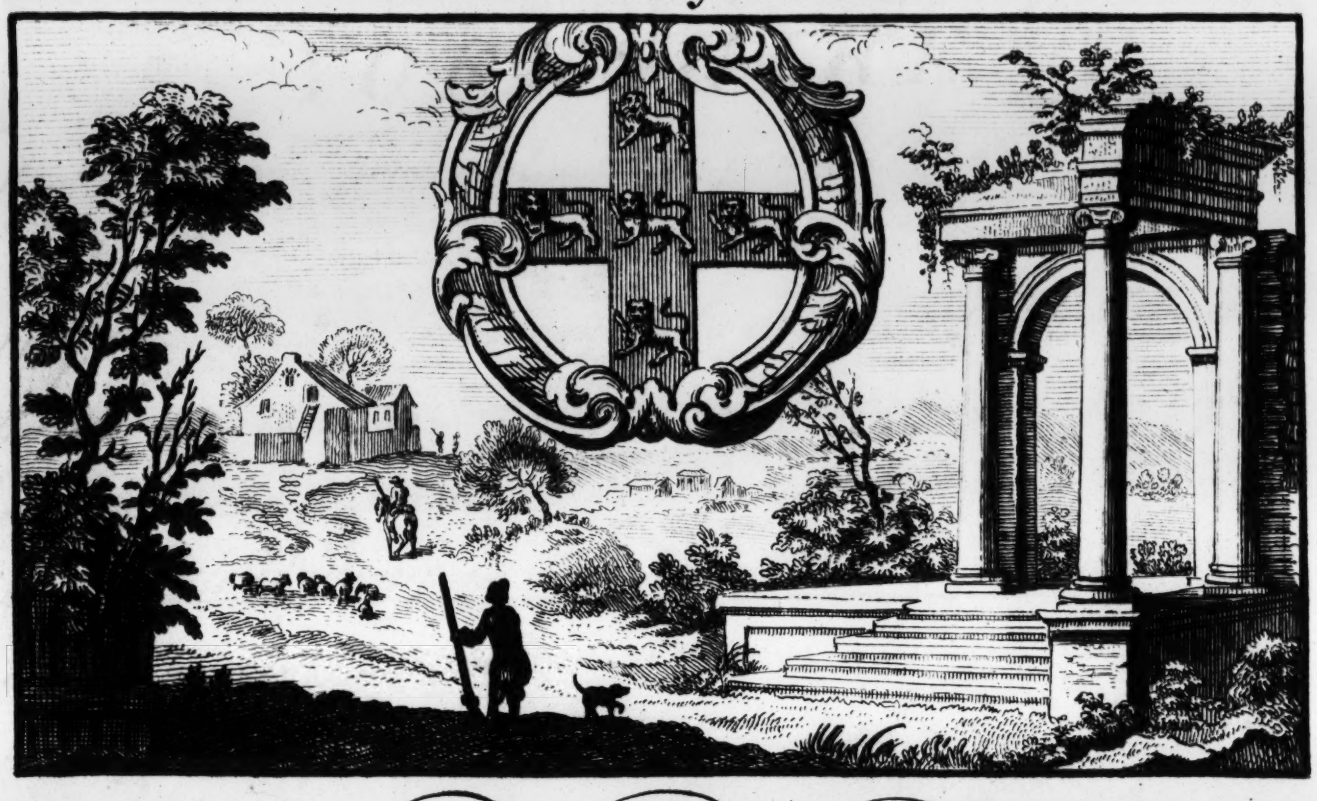


From London to York 192, Aldburgh 31, Beverley 27, Bradford 30, Canvood 8, Doncaster 29, Gisborough 40, Halifax 36, Hull 35, Knaresborough 18, Leeds 24, Pontefract 26, Richmond 49, Rotherham 34 Scarborough 43, Sheffield 41, Wakefield 24, Whitby 50, all principal Towns from York.

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The Arms of the City of YORK.

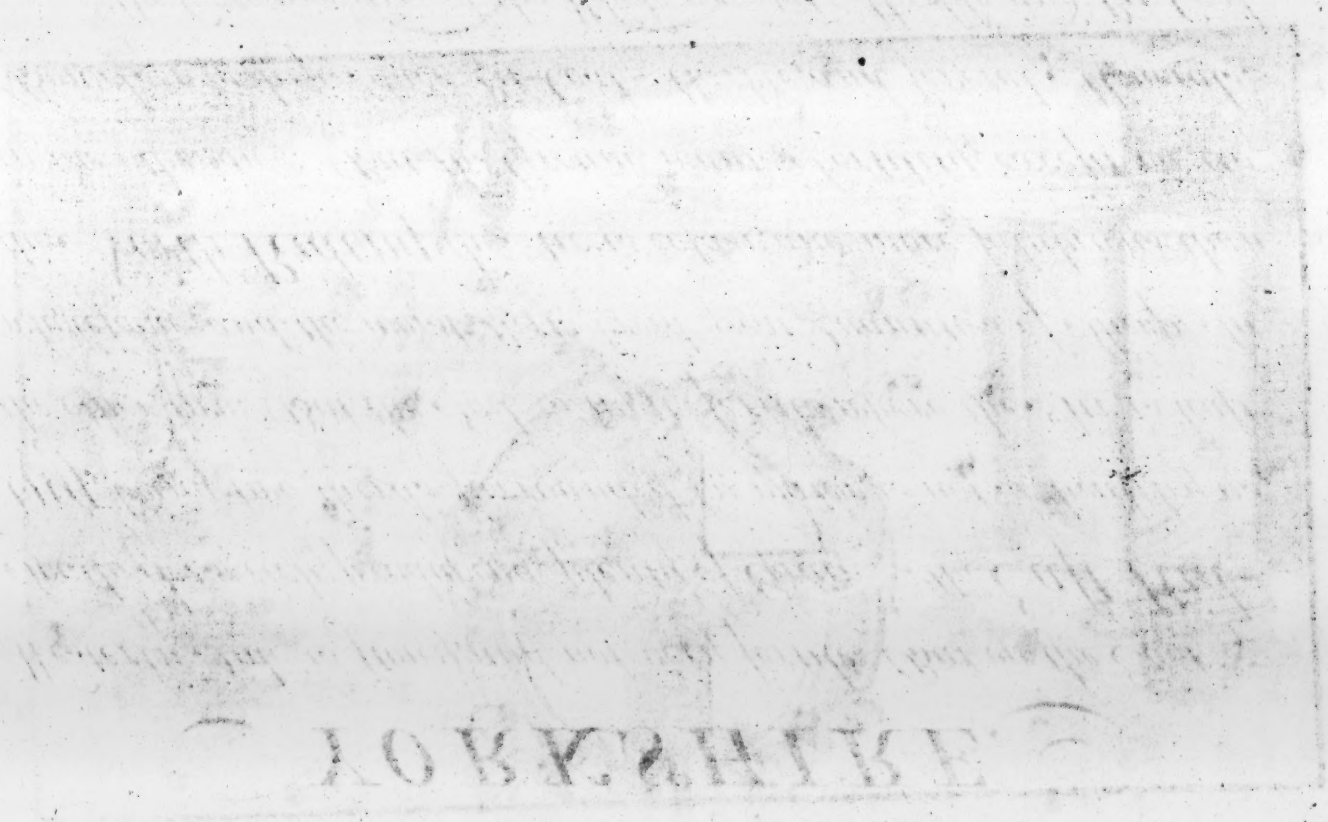


Yorkshire.

This County, by much the largest in England, is bounded on the North by y^e^ Bishoprick of Durham; on y^e^ East by the British Ocean; on the South by Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, & a Bit of Cheshire; and on ye West by Lancashire & Westmoreland. Principal Rivers are the Tees, wch divides this County from ye Bishoprick, ye Darwent, ye Swale, the Ouse, the Wharfe, the Aire, the Calder, & the Don, all which after intermixing their Waters, form that great Estuary called the Humber, which separates Yorkshire from Lincolnshire.

Much Variety, both of Air and Soil, is to be expected in a Country of this great Extent. It is therefore divided into three Ridings, each of which might have been a separate County in proportion to the other Counties of England, and are usually consider'd asunder when we speak of their natural Properties.

The West Riding, which includes also y^e^ most Southerly Parts, enjoys a sharp Air, and is pretty healthy. The Soil on y^e^ Westerly



YORKSHIRE.

Westerly Side is stony, and not very fertile: But on the East & South it is rich, producing plenty of Grain. The East Riding, being two thirds surrounded by water, is not so healthy as the other two: But the Soil is most fertile where the Air is least wholesome, and the worst Parts breed great Quantities of Sheep. In the North Riding the Air is colder, and more salubrious than in the other two: But the Ground wants Fertility, except in its Bowels, which produce Pit-Coal, Marble, and several Minerals.

The Commodities of the Whole are Jet, Marble, and Pit-Coal before mentioned, Alum, Copperas, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Iron, Wheat, Barley, and Oats; and the principal Manufactures are Cutlery Ware, and course Cloths.

Thirty Representatives are sent from Yorkshire to ye House of Commons; two for the County, two for the City of York, and two for each of the following Boroughs.

Kingston upon Hull,—Knaresborough,—Scarborough,
Rippon,—Richmond,—Heydon,—
Boroughbridge,—Malton,—Thirsk,—
Aldborough,—Beverley,—Northallerton,
and—Pontefract.

Were we look for the principal Town of each Riding, exclusive of York, which stands where they all meet, tho' properly in the North, Hull must be chosen in the East, in the West Leeds, and in the North Richmond, which has sometimes a lesser Division ascribed to it by y^e^ name of Richmondshire.

The other Towns are so numerous, that our Description must be confined to a very few upon the Whole.

York

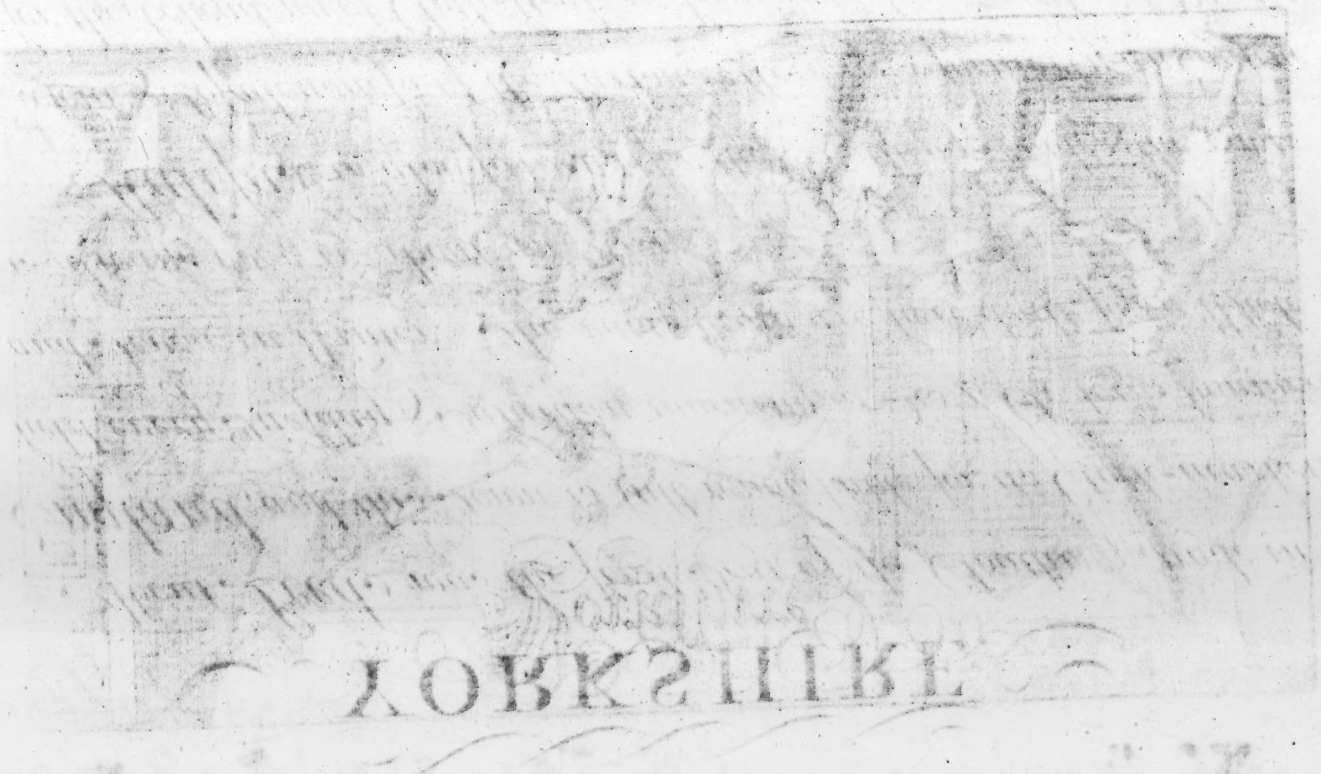




York is esteem'd the second City in England, & was anciently the Seat of the Roman Emperors in Britain. It bears a considerable Figure in History, & is at this day extensive, tho' not very mercantile. The Cathedral is a noble Gothic Edifice, scarce inferior to any in Europe, and has no remarkable Deficiency but ye Lanthorn Steeple, which ends very indifferently. The Castle, built by William the Conqueror, was formerly a Place of great Strength, & now makes a more commodious and airy County Jail than is to be seen any where else in the Kingdom. The City is surrounded by a good Wall, with four Gates, and five Posterns. Over the Ouse there is a very stately Stone Bridge, of which the middle Arch is 51 Feet in Height, and 81 in Diameter. Only 17 Churches, out of 41 that were here anciently, are now in Use. The Assembly-Room, a magnificent Egyptian Hall 123 Feet in length, was design'd by ye Earl of Burlington.

Kingston upon Hull, more frequently called Hull only, is a Town of vast Trade. Merchants there have an Exchange, and Trinity-House, in imitation of those for London. The confin'd situation that Hull stands on, & the vast encrease of its Commerce, have made it exceedingly crouded with Buildings & People. The Corporation, with some Lands contiguous, has y^e^ privilege of a distinct County.

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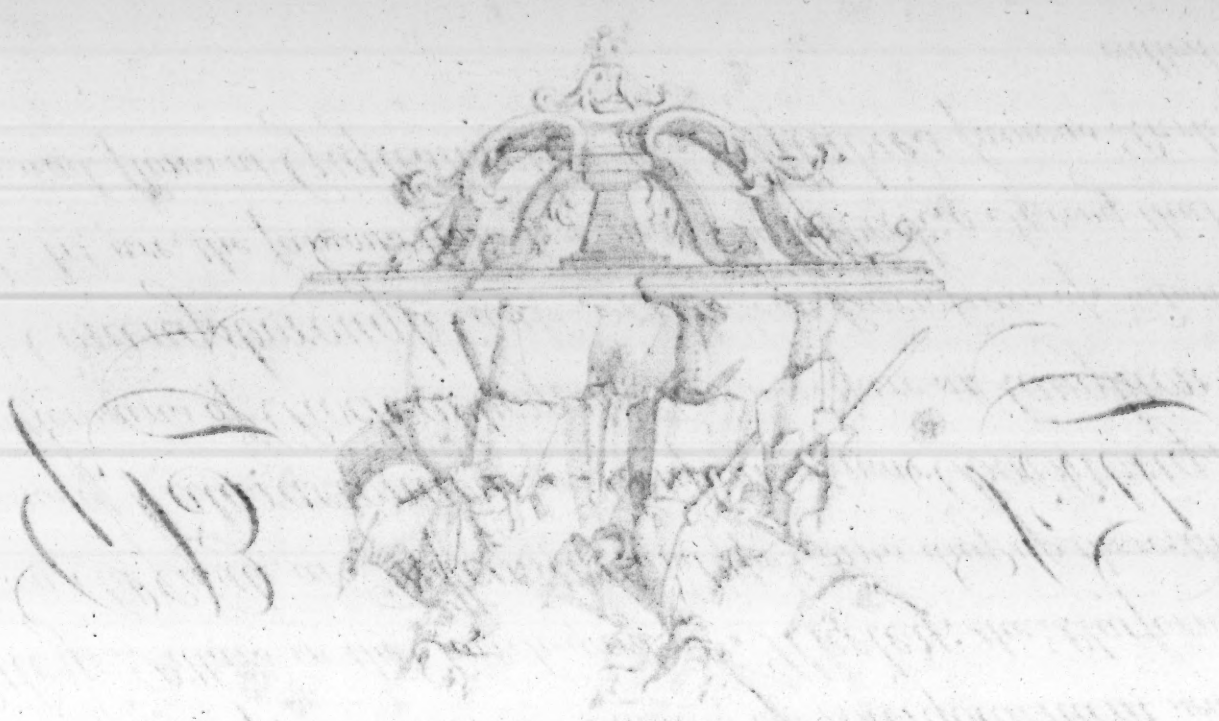
About Leeds was the first Seat of the Cloathing Trade in England, and this Town is still remarkable for its Cloth-market, held every Tuesday & Saturday morning, at Six a Clock in Summer, and Seven in Winter. Tho' vast Sums are here dealt for, ye Whole is always over in about an Hour.

Halifax is also famous for the Cloathing Trade, & the vast Extent & Populousness of the Parish. Here was formerly an Engine for the beheading of Cloth-stealers, from which was taken ye Model of the Maiden at Edinburgh, erected & hansel'd by the great Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland.

Sheffield has been many Centuries famous for its Manufactures in Iron, particularly Cutlery-ware, and Scarborough has been in the present Century much frequented on Account of its Medicinal Spaw, which some Years ago was buried by a Fall of part of the Cliff that hung over it, but is now recovered.

Among the Roman, British, & Gothic Antiquities here, may be reckoned, Temple-brough; ye old Road from Pontefract to Doncastar; four large Stone Pyramids near Boroughbridge; the Ruins of Aldborough, and the Coins, Urns, and Pavements that have been found there; the Remains of Burgodunum near Otley; Pillars in the Church-yard of Ilkeley; the Platform of an old Castle at Tadcaster; and the Coins dug up there; the Ruins of Cataractonium; a Fortification near Baintbrig; the Remains of Rock-abbey; the Tower & Spire at Laughton, and Conings borough Castle. Modern Curiosities of Nature and Art are, the famous Yew-tree near Sandbeck; a Spring that ebbs and flows at Giglesnick; Mr. Aislabie's famous Park

called



Yorkshire

called Studley; a fine Vein of Earth almoft equal to Porcelain, at Wortly; the Quarry at Huddlestone, with ye Stone of which was built Henry VII.'s Chapel; Robin Hood's Monument near Kirkley; large Trees, dug out of ye Bogs near the Humber; the Water-ſpouts, called Vipſies, ſeen between Bridlington & Fordlingham; Star Stones found near Bugthorp; & the Rock at Huntcliff, upon which the Seals sleep in Summer, having always a Centinel upon Duty to guard them.

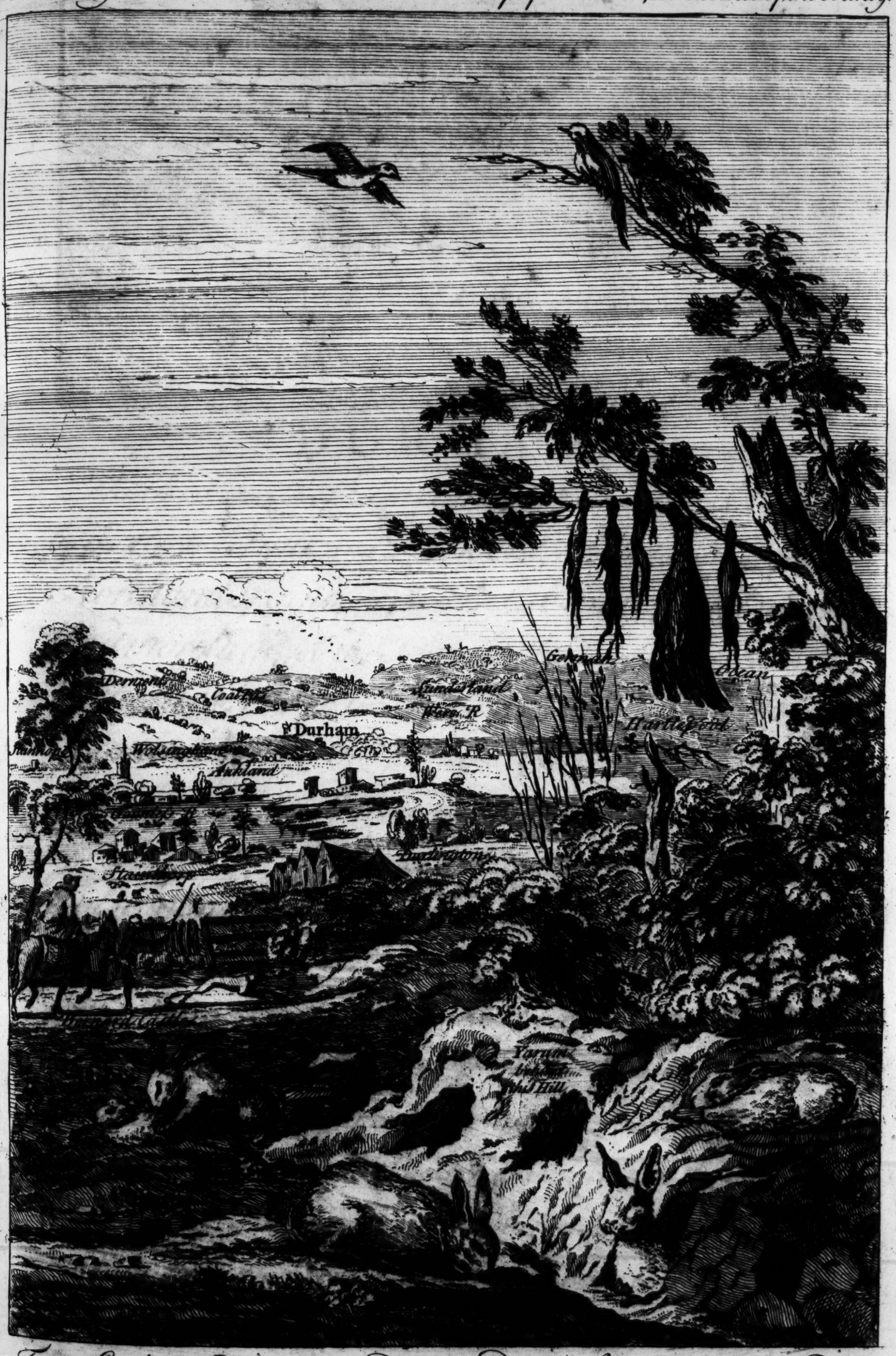
The principal Noblemen's Seats are, Sheffield-Manour, the Duke of Norfolk's; Wreſel-Caſtle, ye Duke of Somerset's; Kiveton, ye Duke of Leed's; Wentworth-houſe, ye Marquiſs of Rockingham's; Snape, ye Earl of Exeter's; Caſtle-Howard, the Earl of Carliſle's; Whorlton-Caſtle, ye Earl of Ailesbury's; Lanesborough, ye Earl of Burlington's; Hornby-Caſtle, the Earl of Holderneſs's; Stamborough, y^e^ Earl of Stafford's; Sandbeck, y^e^ Earl of Scarborough's; Wentworth-Caſtle, y^e^ Earl of Strafford's; Newborough, Viscount Falconberg's; Holm, Viscount Lonsdale's; and Wilton-Caſtle, Lord Cornwallis's.



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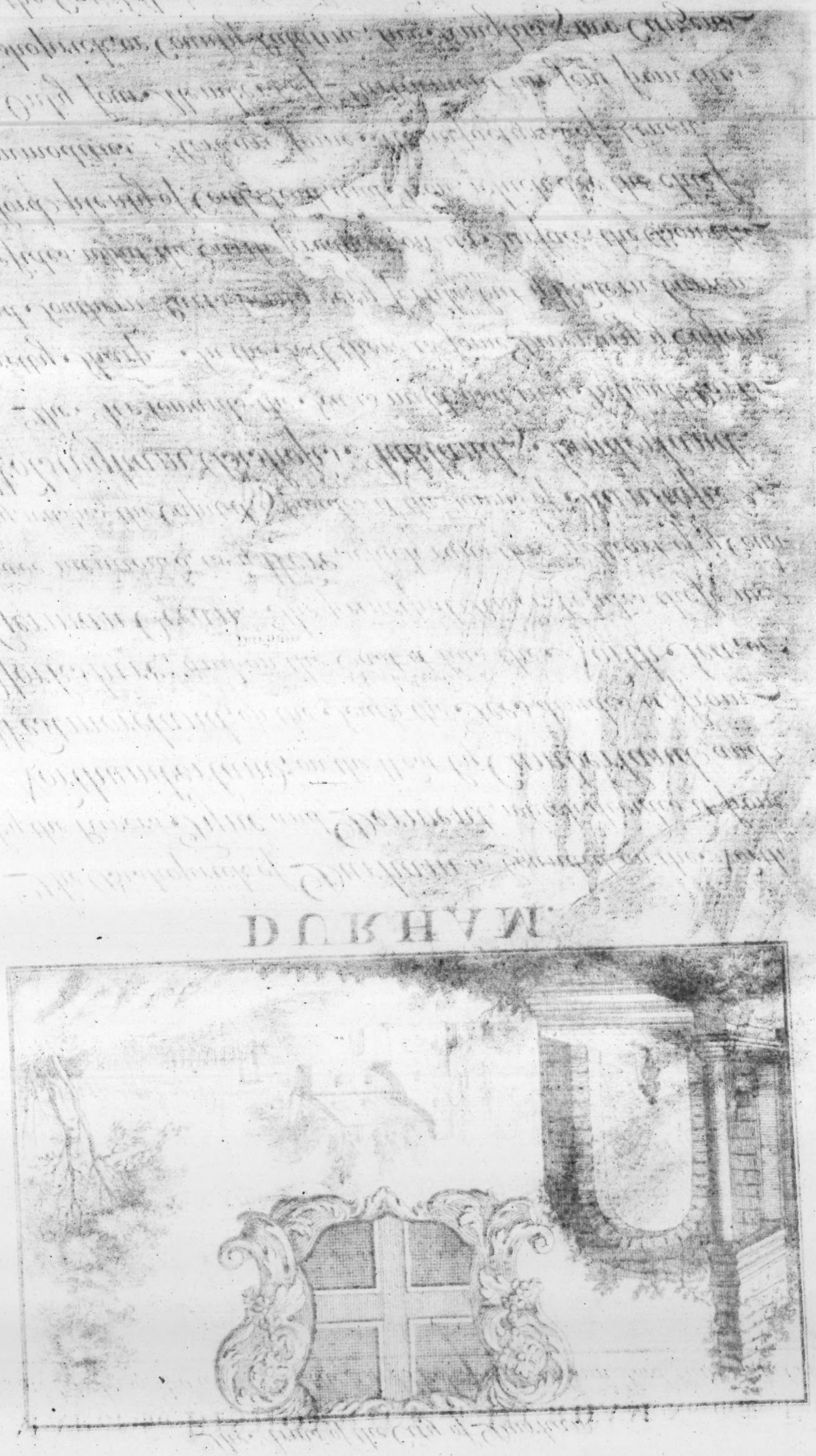
A MAP of the BISHOPRICK of DURHAM. North from London

Humbly Inscrib'd to the Rev.d the Lord Bishop of Durham, Lord Lieut.t of the County.



From London to Durham 262, 4. Principal Towns from Durham Bernard Castle 19 Stainthorp 9, Benfield 12, Stanhope 13, Bishop Aukland 9, Stockton 4 Darlington 14, Sunderland 9, Hartlepool 12, Wolsingham 8, Newcastle 13 Yarum.

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The Arms of the City of Durham.



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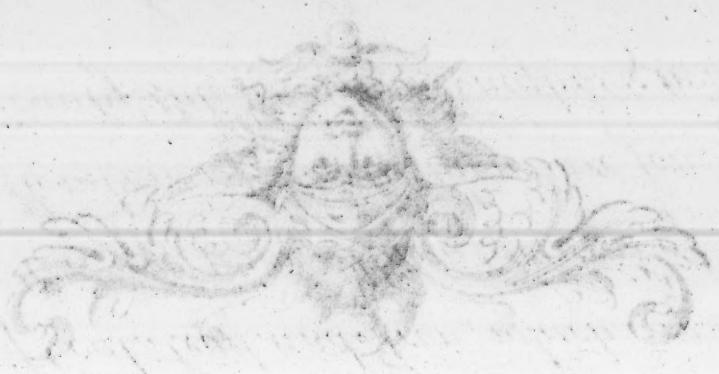
The Bishoprick of Durham is bounded on the North by the Rivers Tyne and Dervent, which divides it from Northumberland; on the West by Cumberland and Westmoreland; on the South the Tees divides it from Yorkshire; and on the East it has the North Sea, or German Ocean. The principal River, besides those we have mentioned, is ye Were, which runs thro' ye Heart of ye Country, washes the Capital, & besides it the Towns of Stanhope, Wolsingham, Bishop's Aukland, & Sunderland.

The Air towards the Sea is mild, and in ye Inland Parts pretty Sharp. In the Soil there is some Diversity, ye Eastern and Southern Parts being very fertile, but ye Western barren. Besides what the Earth produces on its Surface, the Bowels afford plenty of Coal, Lead, and Iron, which are the chief Commodities. Here are some Manufactures of Linen.

Only four Members of Parliament are sent from this Bishoprick, or County Palatine; two Knights, & two Citizens for the Capital,

Durham.

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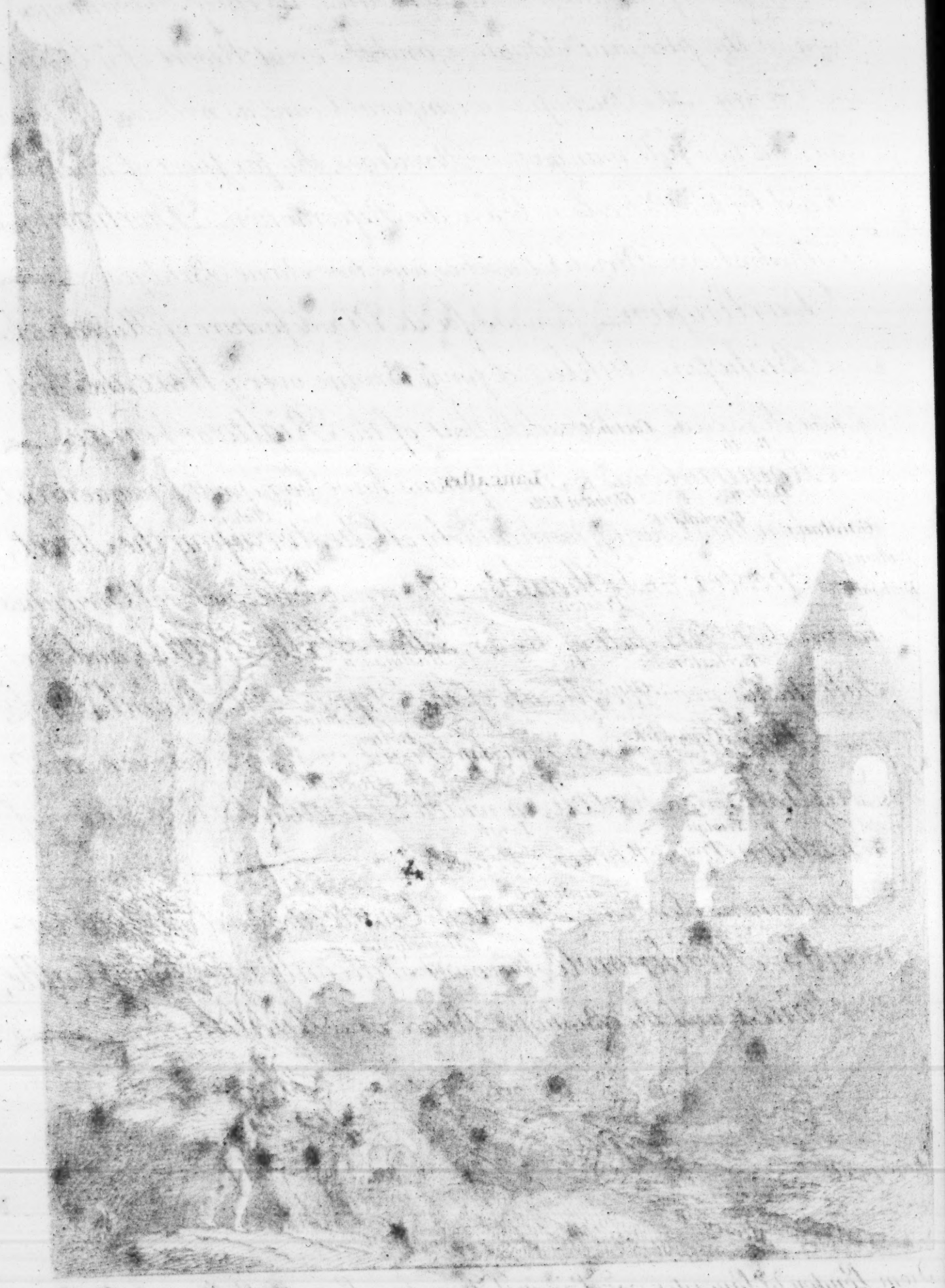
DURHAM.

This City stands on an Elevation, surrounded on three Sides by the River Were. It was antiently populous and Strong, but is now none of the most compact Cities; its chief Advantages being in the pleasant Situation, and the great Resort of ye Gentry and Clergy. The Bishop is a temporal Count, as well as a Spiritual Peer; and has still many other Privileges, tho' far short of what were enjoyed by his Predecessors before the Reformation. Durham has a Cathedral, six Parish Churches, and two Stone Bridges.

Darlington is famous for its Manufacture of Huccabacks, and Bishop's Aukland for ye Bridge over ye Were, the Arch of which exceeds in Breadth that of the Rialto at Venice.

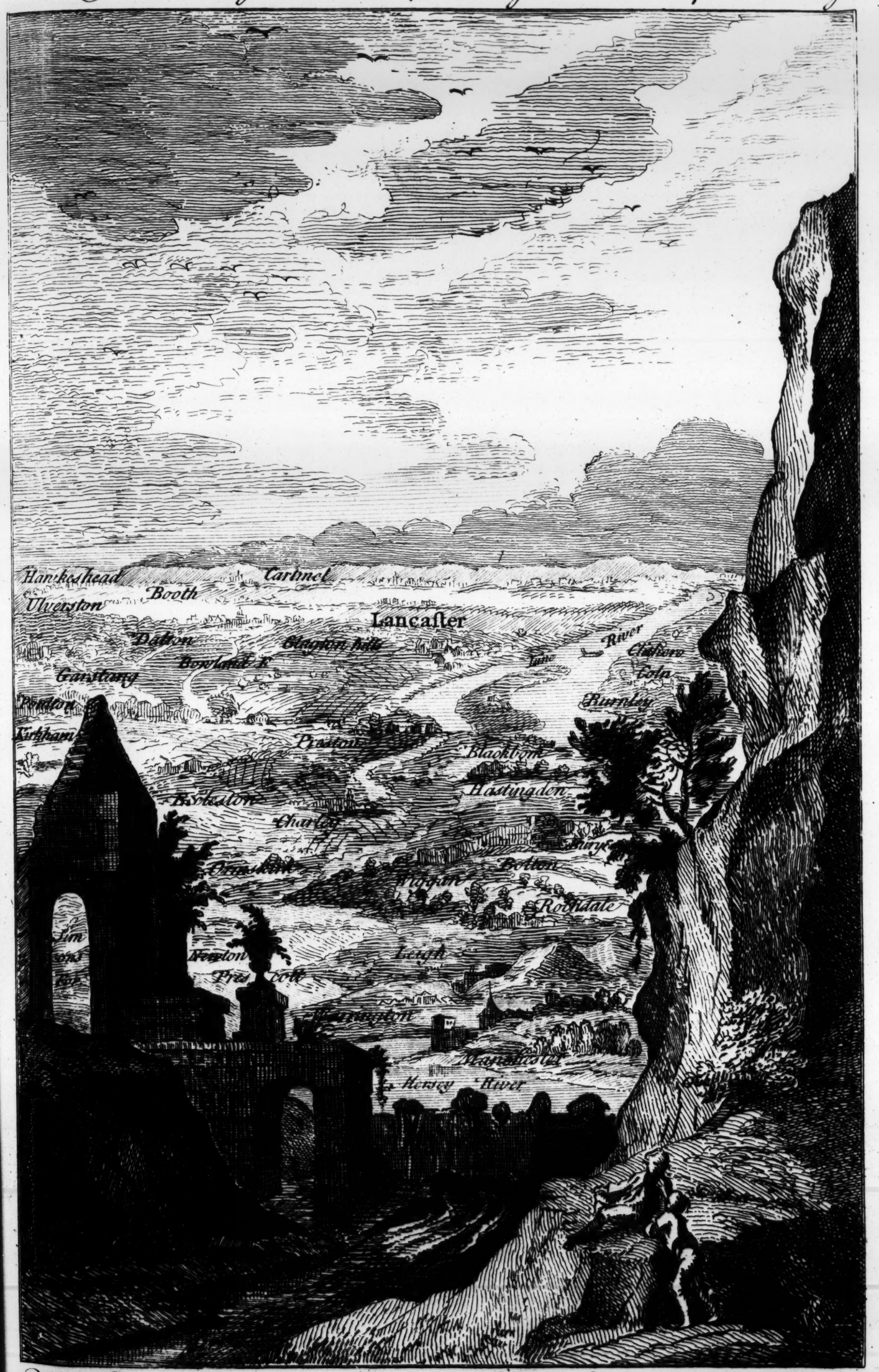
Roman Coins & Inscriptions have been pretty frequently found in this County, particularly at Chester upon the Street, Lanchester, and Sheals. The remarkable natural Curiosities are the deep Pits, full of Water, called Hell-Kettles, and the Salt-pans near the Mouth of the Tyne. At Nevil's Cross, near Durham, was a bloody Fight in 1346, between the English and Scotch, in which David Bruce, King of Scotland, was taken Prisoner.

Noblemen's Seats are, Lumley-Castle, the Earl of Scarborough's; Henknowle, Viscount Falconberg's; Raby-Castle, Lord Vane's; and the Bishop's Palace at Aukland.



A MAP of LANCASHIRE. North from London

Humbly Inscribd to y^e^ R^t^ Honble Earl of Darby Lord Lieut.^t^ of the County



From London to Lancaster 232-7. Principal Towns from Lancaster, Leverpool 45, Manchester 43, Warrington 40, Wiggan 37, Leigh 45, Kirkham 18, Preston 21, Prescot 43, Hawkshead 35, Eccleston 28, Cartmel 15. is Divided into 5 Hundreds, Amounderness, Lunidan, West Derby, Blackburn, and Lonsdale

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Lancashire.

This County is bounded upon y^e^ North by Westmoreland and Cumberland; on the West by the Irish Sea; on the East by the West-Riding of Yorkshire; & on the South by Cheshire, from which it is divided by ye River Mersey. The other principal Rivers are the Ribble and the Lon.

It is observed that the Air of this County is generally better than in most maritime Counties; but near the Sea or the Fens it is not free from the Diseases incident to such Situations. In other Parts the Inhabitants live to a great Age. The Soil in the level Grounds bears good Crops of Grain; in the hilly Parts, it is best for Oats; and in the Moss Grounds there is little else but Turf, and Firs buried under ye Surface of the Earth. Provisions of all kinds are here very plenty, & the chief Commodities are Oats, Cattle, Coal, and Flax.

The Manufactures of woollen Cloths, Cottons, and Tickens, are very flourishing at Manchester.

Besides the two Knights of the Shire, this County sends twelve Burgesses for the following Towns:

Lancaster,

LANCASHIRE.

Lancaster,.....Leverpool,.....Preston,—
Wigan,.....Clithero,.....Newton.—

The Port of Lancaster, upon the Mouth of the River Lon, is so choaked up with Sand, that Trade finds little Encouragement there. It is however a Place where are found numerous Marks of its Antiquity.

Leverpool, by its maritime Situation, and ye Industry of the Inhabitants, is grown into a very considerable Seat of Commerce, next to Bristol of all the Towns on the Western Coast of England. The Buildings, which daily increase, are for the most part new, and consist principally of Stone.

The Inhabitants are also free of Bristol. They have an elegant Town-house and Exchange; and what at present ought not to be forgotten, they distinguish'd themselves by their Loyalty in the late Rebellion. We should be glad to say with Truth ye same of the other great Trading Town in this County,

Manchester. This Place has increased of late Years to such a degree, that it is supposed now not to contain less than 50,000, Inhabitants. Its chief Manufactures, which are brought to London upon Pack-horses, we have mentioned before. Here is a fine College, Hospital, Free-school, and Library; the latter containing many valuable Volumes. This Town, tho' so large, is no Corporation, nor has any Magistrate above a Constable or Headborough. Its Trade diffuses itself thro' all the Country round, the Villages being full of Manufacturers belonging to the Masters here settled. Many Monuments of Roman Antiquities are visible in this Place.

Preston

LANCASHIRE.

Preston was distinguish'd in the Rebellion of 1715 by the Defeat and Capture of the Rebels there; and in 1745 the whole Length of the County was twice travers'd by the Rebel Army, in their Way to and from Derby.

Chatmosse, on the South Edge of this County, is famous for the subterranean Trees we before mentioned, which serve the Country People both for Fewel & Candle. Winnick is reckoned the best Benefice in England. In ye Park of Latham-house is a Chalybeat Spring impregnated with Vitriol. Cannel Coal, v.^ch^ is capable of being polish'd like Jet, as well as excellent for Firing, is found here in ye Manour of Haigh. There is a very remarkable Spring of Salt Water at Barton, and an odoriferous bituminous Earth about Ormskirk. At Ancliff is ye famous burning Well, which hath so strong a Vapour of Sulphur, that it will take Fire. A great many Roman Monuments are also found in different Parts of this County, which are the remaining Curiosities.

Noblemen's Seats are, Afton-hall, the Duke of Hamilton's; Thow-place and Worsley, Lord Willoughby's of Parham; Netherby, Lord Preston's; Croxtath-hall, Lord Molyneux's.

A MAP of WESTMORLAND. North from LONDON.

Humbly Inscribd to the Rt Hon.ble Vis.t Lonsdale, Lord Lieutenant of the County.



From London to Kendall 256m. Principal Townn from Kendal Ambleside 13, Kirkby Lonsdale 9, Appleby 26, Kirby Steven 21, Brough 12 Orton 15, Burton 12 Shap 18.

According to Act of Parliam.t by Geo. Bickham 1753.



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The Arms of the Town of Appleby.



WESTMORELAND.

Westmoreland is bounded on the North and West by Cumberland and a detach'd Part of Lancashire, on the South by Lancashire, and in the East by Yorkshire and a Bit of Durham. Principal Rivers are the Lone, the Kan, & the Eden. The standing Waters of Winander-Mere, and Ulles-Lake are also famous in this County.

The sharp and clear Air is healthy to the Natives and robust Strangers. The hilly Soil is very barren, but the Vallies are tolerably fertile in Corn and Grass. In the Western Hills are Quantities of Copper-Ore, with some Veins of Gold, but not worth the Expence of digging. Stockings are the chief Manufacture, but Cloth, and Stuffs are also made at Kendal.

Members of Parliament are two for the County, and two for the Borough of ..... Appleby.

This is esteemed the County Town, but is now of little Note except for its Antiquity. Kendal is large and populous, and

has

Westmoreland.

has twelve Chappels of Ease to its single Church. Here are seven incorporated Companies, and a noble Free School.

A little Fray happen'd here last Year betwen ye Rebels, in their Advance Southward, and some of the Inhabitants.

At Clifton, betwen Shap in this County & Penrith in Cumberland, the Van guard of the King's Troops, under his Royal Highness the Duke, came up with the Rebels in their Retreat, & several Lives were lost on both Sides. The Spring that ebbs and flows near Shap is esteemed a great natural Curiosity.

Here are several Roman Antiquities about Kendal, Ambleside, Kirkby, Thore, & Crandundale. The British Antiquities are called King Arthur's round Table & his Castle.

Noblemen's Seats are Pendragon-Castle, the Earl of Thanet's; Beltham-Castle, the Earl of Derby's; & Lowther-Hall, Lord Viscount Lonsdale's.



A Roman Pillar found several Yards under Ground.



A Roman Simpuvium out of which they drank as they Sacrificed to their Gods.



A Piece of the Top of a Roman Urn.

G. Bickham fecit.



A MAP of CUMBERLAND North from LONDON

Humbly Inscribd to the Rt. Honble. the Earl of Egremont Lord Lieut.t of the County

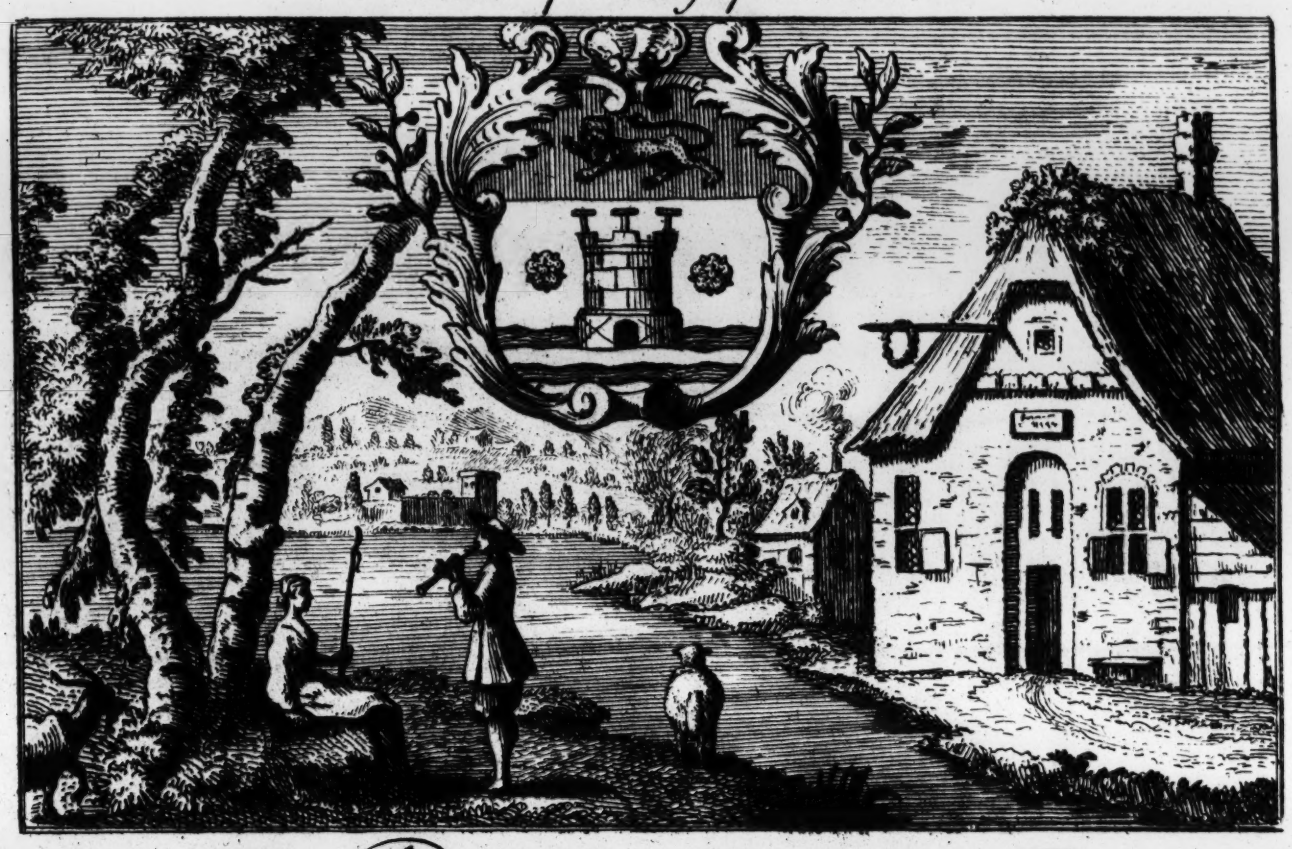


From London to Carlisle 307, Principal towns from Carlisle, Alstonmoor 30, Kirk Oswald 10, Brampton 10, Longtown 12 Cockermouth 24, Penrith 18 Egremont 36, Ravenglass 43, Holm Abby 15, Wigton 10, Whitehaven 36, Ireby 15, Keswick 23, Workington,

According to Act of Parliam.t G Bickham 1754.

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The Arms of the City of Carlisle.



Cumberland.

On the North this County is bounded by Scotland, on ye West by the Irish Sea, on the South by the divided Part of Lancashire, and on the East by Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland. The principal Rivers are ye Eden, which washes Carlisle, and the Derwent which falls into the Irish Sea.

The cold Air here would be yet colder, if the Hills on ye Side of Scotland were not a Shelter. Very good Mutton is fed in the Mountains, and the Vallies produce Corn; but scarce any Trees are to be seen. Coal, Lead, Copper, Black-lead, Lapis-Calaminaris, Fish, Wild-Fowl, and Pearls are ye chief Commodities, & among them Black-lead is peculiar to this County.

Besides the Two Knights, this County sends two Members each for..... Carlisle,.....and..... Cockermouth.

Carlisle was a City of note before ye Roman Invasion, and afterwards a Station for ye Roman Legions. While England

and

CUMBERLAND.

and Scotland were under seperate Kings, it was always famous as a Frontier Garison, and reckoned a strong Fortress. It is at present populous & well built; in form triangular, having a Castle at the North-west Corner, & three Gates leading towards England, Scotland, and Ireland. Here is a considerable Trade in Fustians. But what chiefly distinguishes Carlisle in our Age is the Posession of it by ye Rebels at the End of 1745; the easy Manner in which it was surrendered to them; the Recovery of it by the Duke of Cumberland; and the Number of Rebel Prisoners made therein, some of whom were the first Examples of their Country's Justice, and of Executions for High Treason, during the whole Reign of our most gracious Sovereign King GEORGE the Second.

Penrith is the second Town of note in this County for Trade and Riches. Cockermouth is populous, & has some share of Trade. Whitehaven is of late Years much improv'd by the Shipping of Coals & Salt to Scotland & Ireland.

The famous Picts Wall began in this County, upon Solway Frith, and ran by Carlisle acrofs ye Kingdom to Newcastle: Many Remains of it are still to be seen. Burgh upon Sands is remarkable for a Fight both by Land & Sea between the English and Scots, but more so for the Death of King

Edward

CAMBRIDGE

Cumberland.

Edward I, to whose Memory a Stone Pillar was erected in 1685 by the Duke of Norfolk. Other Curiosities are Altars & Inscriptions found near Elenburgh; the inaccessible Grotto near Penrith upon the River Eden; Roman Inscriptions in a Rock near Brampton; and several other antient Remains of the same People.

Noblemen's Seats are Drumburgh-Castle, upon Solway Frith, y^e^ Duke of Norfolk's; Cockermouth-Castle, the Duke of Somerset's; Nanworth, the Earl of Carlisle's; Kirk-Oswald and Daker's Castle, both belonging to the Earl of Sussex.

G. B.





An Altar dug up at Ellenborough Dedicated to the Genius of the Place

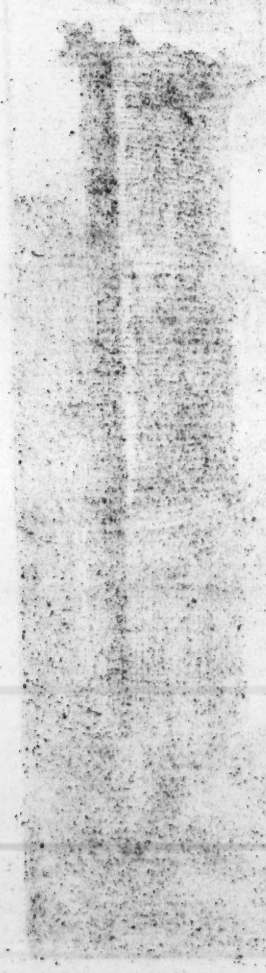
A MAP of NORTHUMBERLAND North from London

Humbly Inscribed to y^e R.^t Honble y^e Earl of Egremont Lord Lieu.^t of y^e County

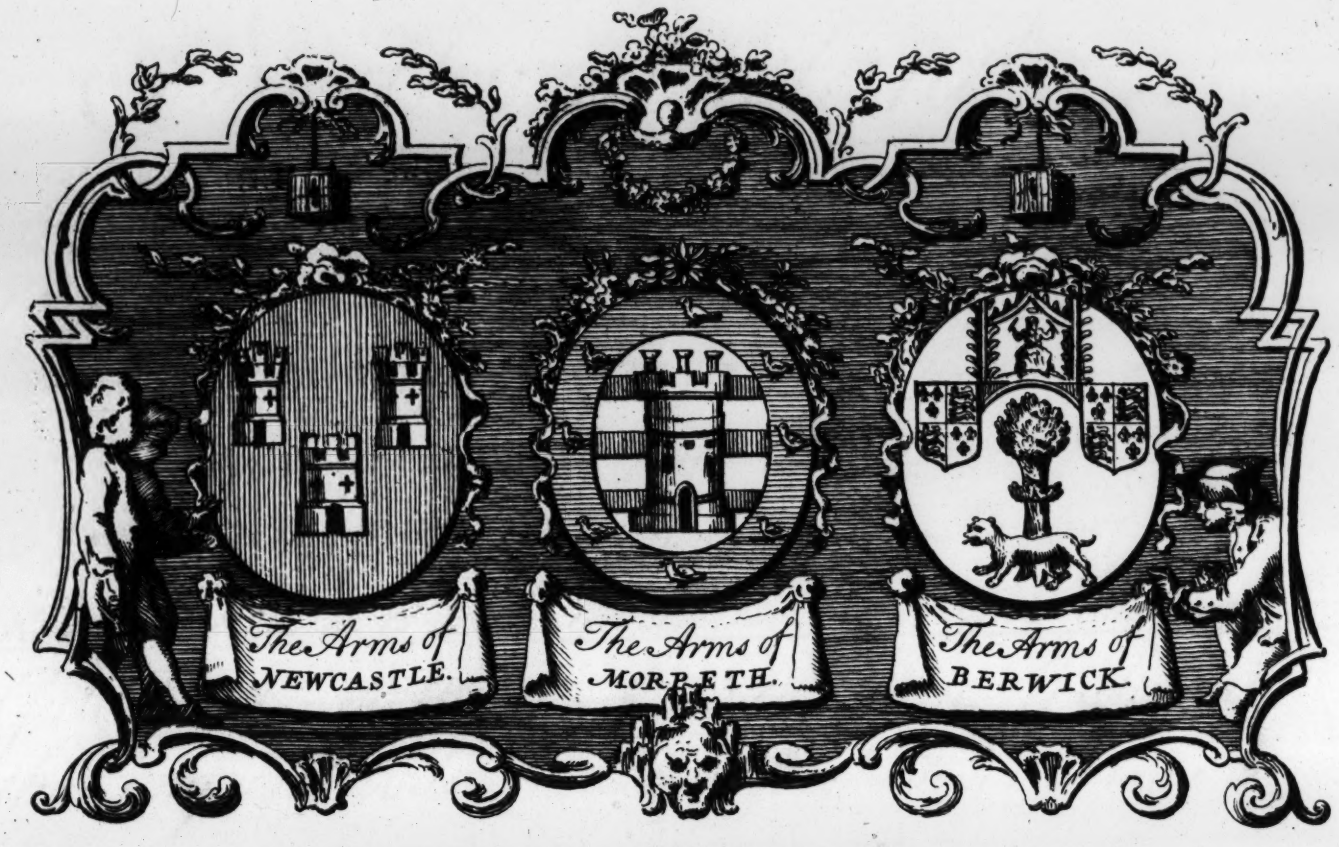


From London to Newcastle 276.4 to Hexham 22.2 to Beltingham 31.2 to Haltwesel 37, From London to Berwick 340 to Cornhil 13 to Orde 3. - to Learmouth 23 to Kelso 29 to Jedburgh 33.4.

According to Act of Parliam.^t by G. Bickham Junr 1754.



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NORTHUMBERLAND.

Northumberland is bounded on the North by Part of Scotland; on the West, by Part of Scotland & Cumberland; on the South, by the Bishoprick of Durham; and on the East, by the German Ocean. Its principal Rivers are, the Tyne, the Cocket, and the Tweed, which all run eastward into the Sea.

As this County is situated between two Seas, in the narrowest Part of England, the Air of it is less cold than might otherwise have been expected. Snow seldom lies long here, except upon the highest Hills. The Inhabitants are commonly healthy, and many of them live to a great Age without Sickness. In the Eastern Part the Soil is fertile, both for Corn and Herbage; but the Western is mostly heathy and mountainous, and consequently barren. The South-east Part so abounds with Pit-coal, that above 600,000 Chaldrons are brought yearly to London by Sea, whence it is called often Sea-Coal. Here are likewise large Quantities of Lead & Timber, and



Northumberland

and the Rivers abound with Salmon. Besides the two Knights of the Shire, Northumberland sends two Burgesses each to Parliament for the following Towns:

Newcastle.....Morpeth.....Bernick.

Newcastle upon Tyne stands on the North of that River, over which it has a stately Bridge to the Suburb of Gateshead in the Bishoprick of Durham. William the Conqueror built a Castle here, from which the Name is derived. The Town stands on the Top, Side, & at the Bottom of a very steep Hill. Next the River stand a handsome Exchange and Town-house; a great Trade, besides that of Coals, being carried on here. The politer Inhabitants live at ye Top of the Hill. Here are six Churches, but that of S^t^. Nicholas only, properly speaking, is parochial. The Town has a Stone Wall, but not so strong as to keep us from Apprehensions during the late Rebellion.

Bernick upon Tweed is often reckoned a County itself, and was a continual Bone of Contention between the English and Scots when separate Nations. It is strong, well built, populous, and stands on the North of the River.

At Alnwick whoever takes up his Freedom must go thro' the odd Ceremony of jumping into a certain miry Bog, wch. is said to be a Penalty imposed by King John, whose Royal Person stuck fast in that very Hole. Cheviot-Hills in this County, are made famous by the Old Ballad of Chevy Chace.

Hexham, now inconsiderable, was antiently a large

Roman

Northumberland

Roman City. At Flodden Field was fought that great Battle, in which James IV, King of Scotland was slain, together with ye Chief of his Nobility, & 18,000 private Men. The Remains of the Pict's Wall are to be seen in many Places. Here are several other Antiquities, and Curiosities natural and artificial. Among the former may be reckoned the monstruous human Bones, of which the Thigh measured near two Yards, that were found at Corbridge and Ailmouth; and among the latter, the Hermitage on the River Cocket, containing a Chapel and Altar, a Bedchamber and Bed, and a Kitchen, all curiously hewn in a solid Rock.

Noblemen's Seats are, Alnwick-castle, the Duke of Somerset's; Morpeth-castle, the Earl of Carlisle's; and Widdrington-castle, the late Lord Widdrington's; but forfeited in the Rebellion of 1715.



A TABLE of the WAGES allowd in the ROYAL-NAVY TO Admirals, Captains, Lieutenants, Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, & Private Seamen.

FLAG OFFICERS &c

	£		
Admiral & COMMANDER *in* CHIEF *of the* FLEET *per Day*	5	—	—
D.° *of the* WHITE *and* BLUE	3	10	—
VICE Admiral *of the* RED, WHITE *and* BLUE	2	10	—
REAR D.° *of* D.° D.° & D.°	1	15	—

FIRST Captain *to the* COMMANDER *in* CHIEF	1	15	—
SECOND D.°	1	—	—
Captains *to the* Admirals *of the* WHITE *and* BLUE	1	—	—
D.° *to* VICE D.° *If in small Ships those Captains have this pay*	—	16	—
D.° *to* REAR D.° *If in 1.st or 2.d Rates they have y.e pay of such*	—	13	—

Quality	WAGES in each RATE. 1	2	3	4	5	6
CAPTAIN *per Day*	1 — —	— 16 —	— 13 —	— 10 —	— 8 —	— 8 —
LIEUTENANT *per Day*	— 5 —	— 5 —	— 4 —	— 4 —	— 4 —	— 4 —
MASTER *per Month*	9 2 —	8 8 —	6 6 —	5 12 —	5 2 8	4 — —
2.d D.° & Pilots *of the Yatchs*	3 10 —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —
D.° Mate	3 6 —	3 — —	2 16 2	2 7 10	2 2 —	2 2 —
Midshipman & Cap.s Clerk	2 5 —	2 — —	1 17 6	1 13 9	1 10 —	1 10 —
Schoolmaster	— — —	— — —	1 17 6	1 13 9	1 10 —	1 10 —
Quartermaste	1 15 —	1 15 —	1 12 —	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 6 —
D.° Mate	1 10 —	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 8 —	1 6 —	1 5 —
BOATSWAIN	4 — —	3 10 —	3 — —	2 10 —	2 5 —	2 — —
D.° Mate	1 15 —	1 15 —	1 12 —	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 6 —
Yeomen *of the* Sheets & Coxswain	1 12 —	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 8 —	1 6 —	1 6 —
Master Sailmaker	1 15 —	1 15 —	1 15 —	1 14 —	1 12 —	1 10 —
D.° Mate	1 8 —	1 8 —	1 8 —	1 8 —	1 8 —	1 8 —
D.° Crew	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —
GUNNER	4 — —	3 10 —	3 — —	2 10 —	2 5 —	2 — —
D.° Mate & Yeomen *of y.e Powder Room*	1 15 —	1 15 —	1 12 —	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 6 —
Quarter Gunner *1 to every 4 Guns*	1 6 —	1 6 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —
Armourer & Gunsmith	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —
CARPENTER	4 — —	3 10 —	3 — —	2 10 —	2 5 —	2 — —
D.° Mate	2 — —	2 — —	1 16 —	1 14 —	1 12 —	1 10 —
D.° Crew	1 6 —	1 6 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —
PURSER	4 — —	3 10 —	3 — —	2 10 —	2 5 —	2 — —
Steward	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 3 —	1 2 —	1 — —
D.° Mate	1 2 —	1 2 —	1 2 —	1 — 8	— — —	— — —
Cook	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —
SURGEON & 2.d *a Month from ea. Man*	5 — —	5 — —	5 — —	5 — —	5 — —	5 — —
D.° 1.st Mate	2 10 —	2 10 —	2 10 —	2 10 —	2 10 —	2 10 —
D.° 2.d	2 — —	2 — —	2 — —	2 — —	2 — —	— — —
D.° 3.d 4.th & 5.th	1 10 —	1 10 —	1 10 —	— — —	— — —	— — —
Master at Arms	2 5 —	2 — —	1 17 6	1 13 9	1 10 —	1 10 —
Corporal	1 15 —	1 12 —	1 10 —	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 6 —
Trumpeter	1 10 —	1 8 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 5 —	1 4 —

Midshipman *Ordinary*, Cooks *Mate*, Coxswains *Mate*, Yeoman *of the*... Boatswains *Store Room*, Swabber,... Cooper, Able Seamen CAP.s *Cook*.... Ordinary Trumpeter	1	4	—	
CHAPLAIN & 4.d *a Month for ea. Man*.. Ordinary Seamen, Shifter, Barber,... Gunners *Taylor*	—	19	—	

1.ts Serv.ts *Allow'd*	ADMIRAL & Com.r *in* Chief	50
	ADMIRALS	30
	Vice & Rear D.°	20 15
	Captain *for every 100 Men*	4

Paid per Month by every Sailor, *Officers excepted*.. 6.d Chatham Chest & Greenwich; 4.d Parson & 2.d Surgeon; 3.d *in the £ for* Widows *from Com.rs & Warrant Officers Captain & Cook excepted*

DAILY PAY of the LAND FORCES &c.

HORSE GUARDS.	PAY	Men Allo.d p.r Warr.t No.o	Men Allo.d p.r Warr.t Pay 4.s ea	Total	Subsist ence
COLONEL & CAPTAIN	1 16				1 7
First Lieutenant Colonel	1 11				1 3 6
Second D.o	1 7				1 6
Cornet	1 6				19 6
Guidon	1 4				18 5
Exempt	16				12 1 5/4
Brigadier	11				8 2 4/7
Sub Brigadier (2.s 4 p.r Day out of private Mens Pay	6				4 8 4/7
Chaplain	6 8				
Adjutant	11				8 6
Riding Master			4	4	2 10 3/7
Agent			8	8	5 8 4/7
Surgeon	8				6
Kittle Drum & Trumpeter	5				4
Widows			8	8	5 8 4/7
Private Gentlemen	4			4	2 10 3/7
Superanuated Gentlem.n in Chelsea College			4	4	2 10 3/7
Marshal to H.s & Gr.r Guards	7				5 6

GRENADIER GUARDS.	PAY	Men Allo.d p.r Warr.t No.o	Men Allo.d p.r Warr.t Pay 2.s ea	Total	Subsist ence
COLONEL & CAPAIN	1 10	6	15	2 5	1 14 6
Lieut.t Colonel & Lieut.t	1 2 6	3	7 6	1 10	1 3 6
Major	1	2	5	1 5	1 1
2 Lieut.t & Capt.t ea 1 Man	17	2	2 6	19 6	15
Guidon	16	1	2 6	18 6	14
2 Sub Lieut.t ea 1 Man	10	2	2 6	12 6	9 6
Chaplain	6 8			6 8	5
Surgeon	8			8	6
Adjutant	7	1	2 6	9 6	7 6
Serjeant	4			4	3 6
Corporal	3			3	2 6
Drums & Hautbois	2 6			2 6	2
Widows		1	2 6	2 6	2
Riding Master		2	5	5	4
Recruting Horses		6	15	15	12
Agent		3	7 6	7 6	6
Private Men	2 6			2 6	2

1 Mens Pay a Day allowd by War.t 14 of Aug.t 1747. to each. 6 29

	BRITISH HORSE PAY	BRITISH HORSE Subs.t	BRITISH DRAGOONS PAY	BRITISH DRAGOONS Subs.t	BRITISH F.r GUARDS PAY	BRITISH F.r GUARDS Subs.t	BRITISH F.r & MAR PAY	BRITISH F.r & MAR Sub.	IRISH HORSE PAY	IRISH HORSE Subs.t	IRISH DRAGOONS PAY	IRISH DRAGOONS Subs.t	IRISH FOOT PAY	IRISH FOOT Sub
COLONEL & CAPTAIN	2 1 *	1 11	1 15	1 6 6	1 19	1 10	1 4	18	1 18	1 8 9	1 11 4	1 3 8	1 4 6	18 4
Lieut.t Colonel & Capt.n	1 9 6	1 2 6	1 4 6	18	1 8 6	1 1 6	17	13	1 5	19 1	19 4	14 7	16 6	12 7
Major & Captain	1 7	1 1 6	1 6	15 6	1 4 6	18 6	15	11 6	1 2 6	17 11	17 4	13 1	13 6	10 4
Captain	1 1 6	16 6	15 6	11 6	16 6	12 6	10	7 6	17	13	12 4	9 2	9 6	7 1
Lieutenant	15	11 6	9	7	7 10	6	4 8	3 6	10 6	8	6 2	4 9	4 6	3 4
Cornet Horse & Drag.s Ensign Foot, & 2.d Lieut.s of Marines	14	11	8 6	4	5 10	4 6	3 8	3	8 6	6 8	5 2	3 10	3 6	2 10
Quarter Master	8 6	6 6	5 6	4	4	3	4 8	3 6	5	4 8	3	2 9		
Chaplain	6 8	5	6 8	5	6 8	5	6 8	5	6 8	5	6 8	5	6 8	5
Adjutant	5	4 6	5	4 6	4	3	4	3					4	3
Surgeon	6	4 6	6	4 6	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3
Surgeons Mate					2 6	2	2 6	2					2 6	2 4
Kittle Drummer of Horse. Drum.r of Drag.s & Foot.	3	2 6	2 3	1 9	1 9	8 4/7	1	8	2 6	2 4	1 6	1	1	8
Drum Major of Foot & Trumpeter of Horse	2 8	2			1 6	1			2 6	1 11			2	1 6
Serjeant			2 9	2 3	1 10	1 4	1 6	1			2 6	1 7	1 6	1
Corporal	3	2 6	2 3	1 9	1 2	10 4/7	1	8	2 6	1 11	1 8	1 1 9/10	1	9
Hautbois			2	1 6	1 6	1					1 6	1		
Private Men	2 6	2	1 9	1 5	10		8		1 10	1 4	1 4	11	7	5
Solicitor					4	3								
Deputy Marshal					1	9								
Agent... Each Troop of Horse or Company of Foot and Irish Regim.t	2		1 2		6 3/4		6		4 8 1/8		3 6 3/4		3 10 3/4	
Widows	5		2		1 8		1 4							

Allowance P.r DAY over the PAY.

	HORSE	DRAG.s	F.r GUA.s	FOOT &c
Colonel Lieut.t Col Major & Capt.n *Recruiting each (When full by War.t 14 Aug.t 1747*	4	2 4	1 1 6/7	1
Colonel *for* Clothing *lost by Deserters.*	1 16	15	6 1	11 8

{2 Horse / Drag.s} *of* {9 / 6} *Troops ea* {4.– / 2.6} | {1.st F.r Guards 28 / Foot &c. ea 10} *Comp.s* {1.s 7 3/4 d. / 1.. 2} *each*

The (rest Horse *are but 6 Troops) 2.d & 3.d* Foot Guards *but 18 Comp.s each.)*

A TABLE of ſeveral Particulars relating to the CO
are placed in the Order of their Magnitude; als

Page	Counties Names, in order of their ſeveral Magnitudes.	Area in ſquare Miles.	Area in ſquare Acres.	Length.	Breadth.	Chief City, or Town.	From London in comput. Miles.	From London in meaſur'd Miles.	Longitude from London.	Latitude.	Pariſhes.
144	Yorkſhire	4684	3770000	114	80	York C.	150 M.	192 F.	1 W.	54-	563
44	Devonſhire	2385	1920000	69	66	Exeter C.	138	172-4	3-42	50-45	394
114	Lincolnſhire	2162	1740000	67	43	Lincoln C.	102	128-4	-27	53-15	630
159	Northumberland	1702	1370000	66	45	Newcaſtle	202	276-4	1-28	54-58	46
69	Kent	1550	1248000	56	30	Canterbury C.	52	56-2	E. 8	51-14	408
91	Eſſex	1540	1240000	57	40	Colcheſter	40	50-	1-	51-56	415
57	Hampſhire	1481	1312500	62	36	Winchester C.	52	67-3	1 W. 15	51-5	253
151	Lancaſhire	1429	1150000	68	40	Lancaſter	180	232-6	2-47	54-1	36
97	Norfolk	1426	1148000	57	35	Norwich C.	90	108-7	E. 20	52-42	660
66	Suſſex	1416	1140000	65	29	Chicheſter C.	50	63-2	W. 40	50-49	312
49	Somerſetſhire	1335	1075000	57	41	Briſtol C.	94	115-2	2-36	51-30	385
156	Cumberland	1292	1040000	64	40	Carliſle C.	228	301-2	2-45	54-50	90
94	Suffolk	1236	995000	26	28	Ipſwich	60	68-	E 12	52-10	575
41	Cornwall	1192	960000	85	46	Launceſton	175	Not meaſur'd	4 W. 40	50-44	161
129	Shropſhire	1106	890000	40	33	Shrewſbury	118	157-	2-45	52-47	170
53	Wiltſhire	1088	876000	47	37	Saliſbury C.	70	83-7	1-48	51-4	304
126	Staffordſhire	1006	810000	47	32	Litchfield C.	94	118-5	1-48	52-44	150
72	Gloucеſterſhire	994	800000	62	36	Gloucеſter C.	82	102-2	2-9	51-55	280
47	Dorſetſhire	959	772000	53	34	Dorcheſter	100	123-	2-37	50-43	248
131	Cheſhire	894	720000	54	27	Cheſter C.	140	162-1	3-	53-11	68
119	Derbyſhire	845	680000	51	28	Derby	98	122-4	1-29	52-58	106
122	Warwickſhire	832	670000	38	30	Coventry C.	74	92-1	2-28	52-26	158
133	Herefordſhire	820	660000	36	30	Hereford C.	102	130-6	2-41	52-6	176
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63	Surry	735	592000	34	21	Southwark	—	—2	—	51-31	140
101	Cambridgeſhire	708	570000	40	25	Cambridge	44	52-	E. 11	52-13	163
109	Leiceſterſhire	695	560640	33	28	Leiceſter	78	98-2	1 W. 7	52-37	192
117	Nottinghamſhire	694	560000	43	24	Nottingham	97	122-2	1-8	52-59	168
106	Northamptonſhire	683	550000	51	21	Northampton	62	76-2	51	52-13	326
124	Worceſterſhire	671	540000	36	28	Worceſter C.	85	112-2	2-10	52-14	152
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135	Monmouthſhire	422	270080	31	24	Monmouth	100	127	2-41	51-52	127
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104	Huntingdonſhire	306	196000	26	20	Huntingdon	48	57-2	6	52-19	79
84	Middleſex	298	190000	21	15	LONDON C.C.	—	—	Firſt Mer.	51-32	200
112	Rutlandſhire	136	82240	15	10	Oakham	68	94	W. 42	52-38	48
139	South Wales	3860	2370400	80	73	Caermarthen	156	206-2	4-25	51-53	440
141	North Wales	2729	1746560	76	72	Denbigh	160	209-2	3-32	52-38	311

e COUNTIES of SOUTH BRITAIN, which ; also South and North WALES.

de	Parishes.	Vicarages.	Cities and Market Towns.	Villages.	Houses computed long ago.	Inhabitants computed Do. and much Increased.	Hundreds Wapentakes &c.	No. of Parliament Men.	Proportion of Land Tax.	Ports of Note.	Ports lesser.	In what Circuit.
	563	242	40	2330	106151	530755	23 Wap.	30	24	2	3	Northern.
5	394	117	28	1733	56310	281550	30 Hund.	26	21	4	—	Western.
5	630	256	22	1556	40590	202950	3 Hund. 25 Wapen.	12	19	1	6	Midland.
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6	415	175	19	1100	34859	174095	18 Hund.	26	14	1	2	Home.
5	253	77	26	1062	26851	134255	33 Hund.	26	14	2	3	Western.
1	36	12	17	894	40202	201010	5 Hund.	14	5	1	1	Northern.
2	660	164	23	1499	47180	235900	31 Hund.	12	22	2	—	Norfolk.
9	312	123	15	1060	21537	107685	6 Rapes.	20	16	—	4	Home.
0	385	132	27	1660	44686	223430	37 Hund.	18	19	3	1	Western.
0	90	77	8	447	14825	74125	——	6	1	1	3	Northern.
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4	161	89	19	1230	25374	126870	9 Hund.	44	8	2	8	Western.
7	170	52	10	615	23284	116420	14 Hund.	12	7	—	—	Oxford.
4	304	107	18	950	27093	162558	20 Hund.	34	13	—	—	Western.
4	150	39	13	670	23747	118735	5 Hund.	10	7	—	—	Oxford.
5	280	96	19	1229	26764	133820	21 Hund.	8	12	—	2	Oxford.
3	248	68	18	1006	21944	109720	28 Hund.	20	9	3	2	Western.
1	68	20	12	670	24054	120270	7 Hund.	4	7	—	1	Onm Judges.
8	106	53	8	503	21155	105775	5 Hund.	4	6	—	—	Midland.
6	158	87	11	780	21973	109865	4 Hund. 1 Liberty.	6	10	—	—	Midland.
6	176	87	8	391	15000	75000	12 Hund.	8	5	—	—	Oxford.
8	118	59	4	223	15984	79920	——	4	3	1	1	Northern.
1	140	35	8	449	34218	171090	13 Hund.	14	18	—	—	Home.
3	163	83	6	279	17347	86735	16 Hund.	6	9	—	—	Norfolk.
7	192	81	10	558	18702	93510	6 Hund.	4	9	—	—	Midland.
9	168	94	7	450	17554	87770	6 Wapentakes 2 Divisions.	8	7	—	—	Midland.
3	326	85	11	551	24808	124040	20 Hund.	9	12	—	—	Midland.
4	152	55	10	500	20634	103170	7 Hund. 2 Limits.	9	9	—	—	Oxford.
6	280	62	9	451	19007	95035	14 Hund.	9	10	—	—	Oxford.
9	140	62	12	671	16906	84530	22 Hund.	9	10	—	—	Oxford.
2	26	—	3	220	6501	32505	——	4	1	—	—	Northern.
9	120	54	15	949	16569	82845	8 Hund.	6	11	—	—	Home.
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2	127	—	7	—	6490	38940	——	3	—	—	2	Oxford.
7	116	58	10	550	12170	60850	9 Hund.	4	7	—	—	Norfolk.
9	79	25	5	279	8217	41085	3 Hund.	4	4	—	—	Norfolk.
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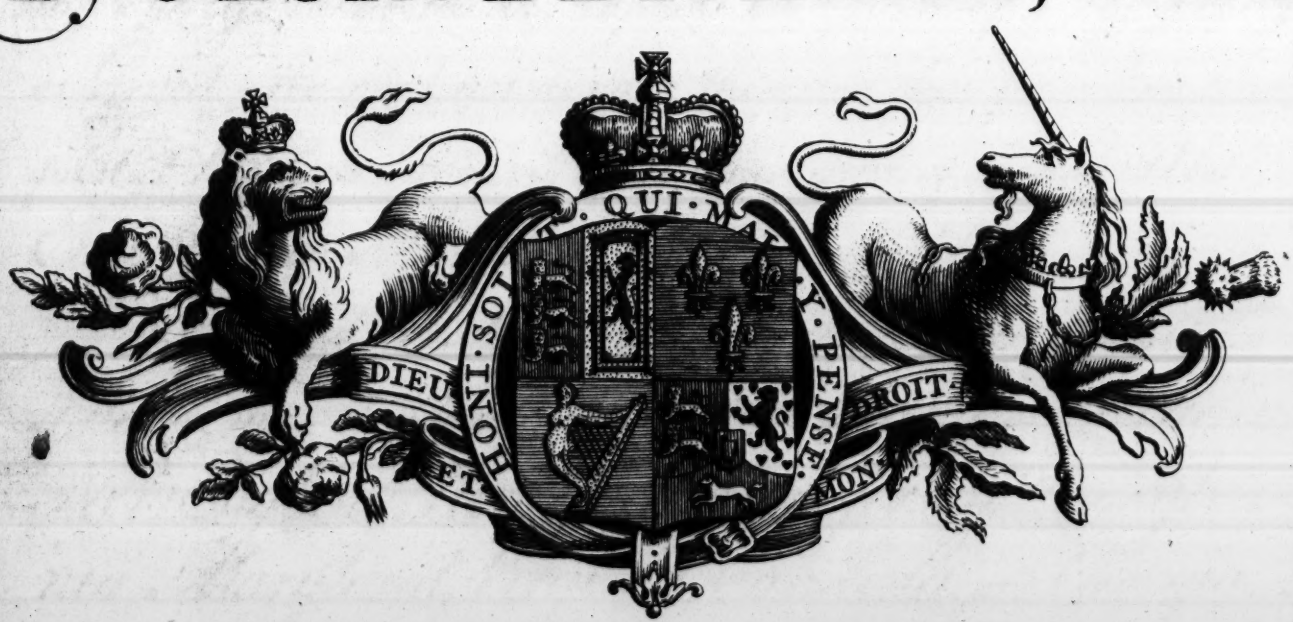
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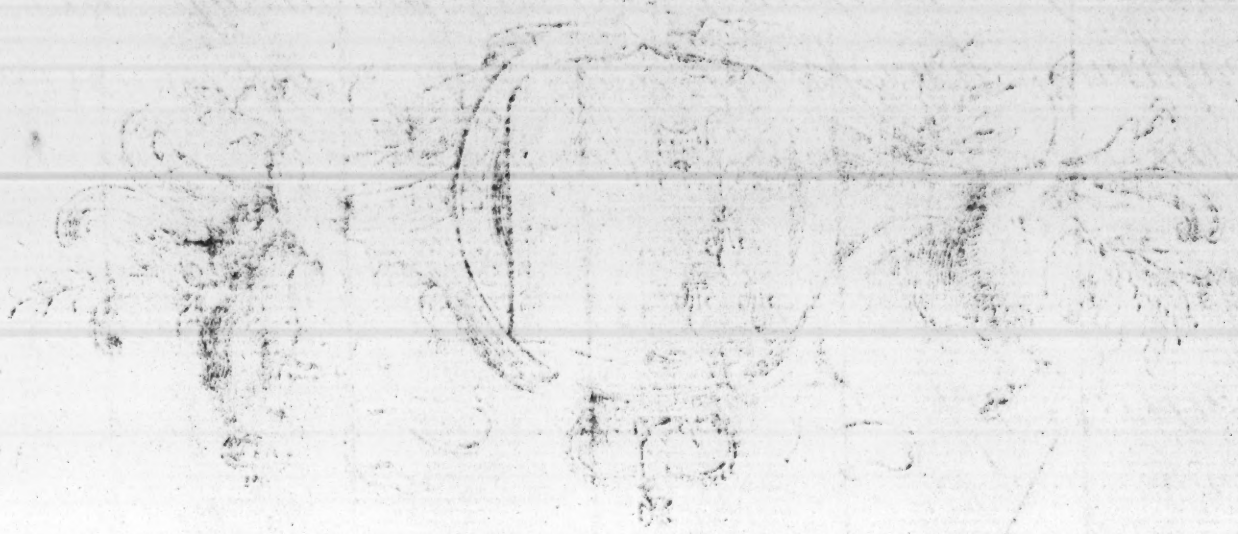
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These Colonies, including the moſt diſtant Iſlands as well as the Main Land, extend about 40 Degrees of North Latitude on the Weſt Side of the great Atlantic Ocean: But the Continent Part, which is, more or leſs, almoſt a Continuation of inhabited Country, lies between about 30° and 47°. As the Coaſt of this Tract declines near 20° from N-E to S-W, it is of greater Extent than the oppoſite Coaſt of France, Spain, and Portugal in Europe, and Weſt Barbary in Africa, which lie parallel to it. The whole Length, in a ſtreight Line, is about 1400 Miles; the Breadth uncertain, as the Parts are more or leſs inhabited, but capable every where of being greatly enlarged. We need not wonder, therefore, that for a long time paſt, it has been honour'd with the Name of the British Empire in America.

To proceed in our Deſcription of this Country in the Order it lies, we muſt divide it into New Scotland, or Acadia, New England, New York, New Jerſey, Penſylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina, and Georgia.

ACADIA,

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ACADIA, above 400 Miles long & 200 broad, is bounded on the East by S.t Laurence's Bay & the Fishing Seas of Newfoundland; on the North & West, by the River of S.t Laurence; and on the South, by New England & the Bay of Fundy. The Climate is cold in Winter; but the Country is in general good, and abounding in Corn.

The Right of it was long contested between the French & English, but was finally, by the Peace of Utrecht, granted to the Latter, when y.e chief Town, before called Port Royal by the French, was named Annapolis Royal in Honour of Queen Anne. It has an excellent Harbour, in y.e most capacious Bay of Fundy, and a Fort with an English Garison: But the Inhabitants in and about it are chiefly French & Romanists, being the Colony that was planted there by Lewis XIV, and refused to remove upon the Cession of y.e Country to England. They have been always indulg'd in the Profession of their Religion; but are suspected, however, to be too well inclined to their native Countrymen, which occasions the more strict Eye to be kept over them since the War broke out between the two Nations.

The other chief Settlements on the same Bay are Chignicto and Minas. There was also an English Fort on y.e Eastern Point, over against Cape Breton, called Canso; but the French took and ruined it about three Years ago.

Sebastian Cabot first discover'd this Country at the Charge of King Henry VII; and it was once inhabited by a Scotch Colony, sent thither in 1622; from whence it had the Name of New Scotland.

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NEW ENGLAND, the moſt populous of all the *English* Settlements, has 350 Miles of Coaſt, between the Latitude of 41° and 46°. *New Scotland* bounds it on ye North, the *Atlantic* Ocean on ye East and South, & *New York* and *Canada* on the West. The Inhabited Part is in ſome Places 250, and in others not above 80 Miles broad. It has a temperate Air, an exceeding good Soil, & abounds with all the Neceſsaries of Life: But the chief Commodities, which the Inhabitants export to *Europe*, are Cod-fiſh, Maſts, Naval Stores, and Furs.

New England was diſcover'd by ye Two *Cabots* in 1497, but not taken poſſeſsion of till 1558, in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*; nor much inhabited till ye Time of her Succeſsor.

The chief Rivers are *Connecticut*, *Marimack*, *Providence*, and the *Glaſs River*.

New England is divided into three Colonies. The firſt, which is moſt populous, retains the *Indian* Name of *Maſſachuſet's Bay*, and is divided into Six Counties; Viz. The *Main*, *Cornwall*, *Eſsex*, *Middleſex*, *Suffolk*, and *Hampſhire*. In all which above 80 good Towns are now to be ſeen, moſt of them bearing *English* Names: But ye principal

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of all is Boston, in Suffolk County, a City that may be placed with those of the second Rank in Europe both for Magnitude and Commerce. It stands upon a Peninsula in a fine large Bay. The Independents, who are the establish'd Church in this Colony, have here three large Places for Divine Worship; the French Protestants, one; the Baptists, one; and the Episcopalians, one. Some Years ago the Inhabitants were computed at near 20,000. New Cambridge is an University, and has two Colleges, which are in a flourishing Condition.

The Government of New England is in a Governor sent from England by his Majesty's Nomination, and the Houses of General Assembly & Council, the first representing the House of Lords, & the second that of ye Commons in England: But Appeals lie from hence, and all the other Colonies, to the Privy Council at Whitehall. The same Parliamentary Form exists thro' most of the other Colonies; but in some, as Pensylvania and Maryland, the Governor is appointed by the Proprietor.

The Colony of Plimouth is ye second Division of New England, containing the three Counties of Plimouth, Barnstable, and Bristol, with near twenty good Towns. Rhode Island belongs to this Division, and is inhabited chiefly by Quakers, who make fine Earthen Ware.

Connecticut Colony, the third Division, contains ye four Counties of New London, Hartford, Newhaven, & Fairfield, in all which the Towns are about Forty.

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As all these Divisions continue to increase in People, Culture, & Buildings, we cannot pretend to be exact in the Account of either: But as the English People, in 1659 when the Colony was but 20 Years old, were called 100,000, what must they be now it has subsisted 120 Years, without any remarkable depopulating Calamity? The Indian Nations, Natives of this Country, are much diminished by Wars, Diseases, & Getting up farther into the Inland Parts: But many of them have been converted to Christianity, and learned the Language & Customs of the English.

Curiosities in New England are the White Mountains, covered with Snow, having a large Plain on the Top of ye highest; the Humming Bird, remarkable for Smallness of Size, & Beauty of Plumage; the Monk & Star Fishes; and a Jet black Sand, bespangled with Red and White: Of all which, & the other Remarkables, we leave Naturalists to give a more full Account.

We must not omit, that Rhode Island is a separate Government from the Rest of the Province; that the Principal Town of it is Newport, and that, besides the proper Island, it has a large Plantation on the Continent, in which are two pretty good Towns.

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NEW YORK is bounded betwixt New England to the East, and New Jersey to the West. On the South it has the Ocean, and on the North the French Colony of New-France. The Extent of Sea-coast to the Mainland, on both sides the Mouth of Hudson's River, is but small, and runs in about 41°. of N. Latitude: But Long and Staten Islands, which lie to the South of this, & are both included in the Province, extend about 150 Miles from East to West. Hudson's River runs thro' ye whole Mainland from North to South, and receives several others of less Note.

This Province was taken from the Dutch in the Time of King Charles II, and granted to James Duke of York, who changed ye Name of it from New Holland to that wch it now bears. The Capital of New York, which the Dutch called New Amsterdam, is the pleasantest & best built City in all British America. It now contains 2000 Houses, most of them of Stone, & has a great Trade in Furs, Logwood, and other Commodities. It stands in ye small Island of Mahanatan, at the Mouth of the River, and within that of Staten. Other Towns of Note in this Province are Kingston, Albany, & Schenectady upon ye Continent, & in Long Isle among many more is Jamaica, Bedford, & Southampton.

This Isle is exceeding populous, and has in it a fine Plain, called Salisbury Plain after that in England, which it is said to equal for Pasture.

The Air of New York differs not greatly from that of

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New England, behind which it in a great measure lies:- But ye Capital is in a more temperate Climate than Boston.

As to the Soil, it is so fertile, that one Bushel of English Wheat is said to have produced a hundred.

High up the River most of the Places are fortified, to cover the Country from the French, & the Indians in Alliance wth. France. These are garisoned by Troops from England, a Party of whom, under Colonel Schuyler, were surprised in 1746, put to the Sword, and the Fort of Saratoga demolished.

The whole Province, including ye Isles, is divided into ten Counties, which are Richmond, Suffolk, Queen's, New-York, Chester, King's, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, & Albany. Of these, ye last five are inhabited chiefly by Dutch at this Day.

The greatest Curiosities to be seen in New York are ye Natives, that inhabit there, and live in Amity with the English, tho' most of them remain in their Old Idolatry. They are generally handsome well-limb'd People, but spoil their Skins by dying them. Their four Kings were over in England in the Reign of Queen Anne.

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NEW JERSEY is bounded on the West & South by Delanvare River & Bay, nhich divide it from Penfylvania; on the East by yᵉ Ocean, and on yᵉ North by New York. It is a kind of Peninfula, & has no confiderable River befides that we have mentioned; thó' feveral fmall ones, wᶜʰ. fall into it, and yᵉ Sea.

The principal Divifion of it is into East & West New-Jersey, and thefe are fubdivided into Counties.

As this Province extends a Degree and a Half South of New York, the Air of it is warmer. The Soil is eſteemed better than that of the Colonies round about it, and being better cultivated, yields great Plenty of Grain. Its chief Trade is in Provisions, nhich the Inhabitants fell to the People of New York, nho transport them to the Sugar Iflands.

Perth Amboy is the principal Town of East, and Bridlington of West New Jersey: But neither of thefe does yet deserve the Name of a City. The latter, however, is by much the moft confiderable, the Houfes being built of Brick, and the Streets handsomely laid out. It ſtands upon Delaware River, fome Miles above Philadelphia; has tno good Bridges, and carries on a pretty brisk Trade with Philadelphia and the Ocean.

Great Part of the Inhabitants of this Province are of Dutch and Swedish Original, the latter being the first Europeans

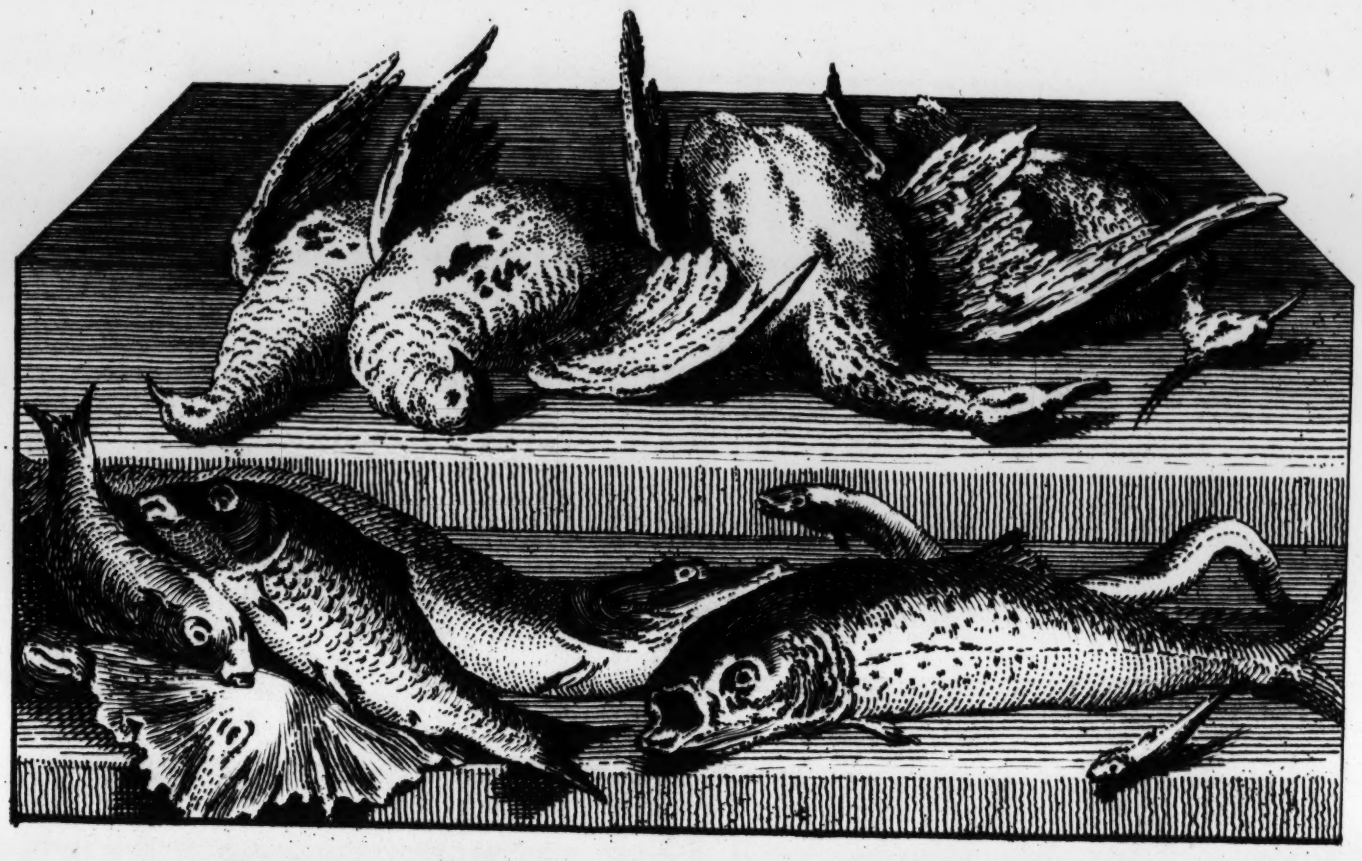
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who settled here, and gave it ye Name of New Sweden: But the Dutch having in a great Measure dispossess'd them, New Jersey fell from the States General to the Crown of England together with New York. The English now in ye Jerseys are computed at Sixteen Thousand. They live chiefly in the Plantations over the Face of the Country, which is the Reason that the Towns are but small. As ye Animals and Vegetables differ not from those of Pensylvania, we shall speak of them in that Province.

Not long since there was a Conspiracy of the Slaves here upon Raritan River to murder all the White People: But ye Plot being discovered, one was hanged, & the others were punished.





PENSILVANIA.

William Penn, the famous Quaker, Son of Sr. William Penn, an Admiral in ye Reign of King Charles II, gave its Name to this Province, which was granted him in property, in lieu of a Debt due to his Father from ye Crown. It is bounded on ye East by Delanvare River & Bay, on ye South by Maryland, & on ye North & West by Canada. The principal Rivers are Delanvare, Sasquahanaugh, & Schuylkill.

It is observed to the Honour of Mr. Penn, who himself established the Laws for his New Colony, that he was the only Legislator whose Institutions have not been altered, & that, upon his Return to his People, after many Years Absence in England, he did not find that one of them had been broken. This Colony lies in ye same Climate with that last described, and therefore has ye same Temperature. The Air is sweet and clear; the Soil various, but generally good: The Animals common to this Province and New Jersey are Deer, Elks, Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Rabbets, Racoons, Beavers, & some Horses. Here are Bustards of 40 or 50 Pounds Weight, with variety of other Fowls, & plenty of many kinds of Fish, among which are several of ye valuable European sorts.

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Moſt of the Timber-trees, Shrubs, Plants, and Grains of Europe grow here in abundance, beſides many others that are little known to us.

Tho' moſt of the People are Quakers, yet Toleration here is general for all who behave themſelves decently. Diſputes are commonly decided by Courts of Peace-makers, who are in ỹ Nature of Arbitrators. Here are Counties for the Election of Repreſentatives; and, tho' ỹ Quakers profeſs an Abhorrence to War, the Neceſsity of defending themſelves makes them ſubmit to have a Militia.

Philadelphia, the Capital, is one of the best laid-out Cities in the World, extending two Miles in Length, & one in Breadth, betwixt two Navigable Rivers. The Streets croſs one another at right Angles, and tho' this Space is not yet all built, it is already a large & populous Town, having about 2000 better Houſes than are common in moſt Cities in England. Places of Worship, ỹ Market, the Kay, ỹ Gardens and Walks, are all diſpoſed in a moſt regular Manner. Other conſiderable Towns here are Briſtol, Frankfort, Cheſter, & Newcaſtle.

The Trade of Penſylvania conſists chiefly of Stores and Proviſions, like ſome Provinces already deſcribed. There is a regular Poſt betwixt Philadelphia & Boſton, thro' Burlington, Perth-Amboy, New York, Seabrook, &c.

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Maryland.

This Province was so called by King Charles I, in honour of his beloved Queen Henrietta Maria, when he gave it by Charter to Calvert Lord Baltimore, in whose Family the Property still continues. But the Nomination of the Governor & Council has been in the Crown ever since ye Reign of King William. As ye first Lords Proprietors were Roman Catholicks, the Original Planters were chiefly of that Religion: But those of the Church of England are now more numerous than the Papists and Dissenters together: They are in the whole computed at about Thirty Thousand.

Maryland lies on both sides of ye Bay of Chesapeak, and is bounded on the South by Virginia, on the East by the Atlantic Ocean, on the North by Pensylvania, and on ye West by the Apalachean Mountains. The chief Rivers are

Patowmack,

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Patonmack, which divides it from the Mainland of Virginia, Patuxent, and Pocomoack. These, the many small ones, and ye Bay, contribute to give it more Conveniences of Navigation than almost any Country in ye World, except its neighbouring Province of Virginia: And it is owing to this that nither of these Provinces has any considerable Town, most of the Plantations being little Communities in themselves, which can land or send away their Commodities near their own Doors. The Places in Maryland that have ye Name of Towns are St. Mary's, & Arundelton, or Annapolis.

As Maryland & Virginia have so many Things in common, we may mention under one Head, that ye Soil of them both is in general extream good; that ye Air is sultry in the midst of Summer, but for the greatest Part of the Year agreeable enough to English Constitutions; that the Country grows more healthy as ye Woods are cleared; that some Nations of the Old Indians remain in several Parts, but not numerous, and that most of them adhere to their Idolatry; that tho' ye Produce of these Countries is various, and consists of many Commodities that might turn to good Account, yet the Tobacco-Trade swallows up all the

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the Attention of the People, that the Virginia Tobacco, growing on York and James's Rivers, is best, finest scented, and chiefly used in England, but that of Maryland turns to great Account in our Commerce with the Northern Nations of Europe; that scarce any Money is used in these Provinces, except in small Affairs, ye Barter of Tobacco constituting a sort of Course of Exchange, and even ye Revenues of the Clergy being settled at so many thousand Pounds of Tobacco Yearly; that at least 300 Ships are employed in this Trade, & that it is thought to bring in to the Revenue of England about Half a Million Sterling.





Virginia.

The Name of this Province, given by Queen Elizabeth, was at first general to all that is now called the British Empire in North America. S.r Walter Raleigh had the first Letters-Patent for establishing a Colony here, which he attempted to little Purpose: But the Project had better Success, after his Death, in the latter Part of the Reign of James I. It has continued improving ever since, and the Inhabitants are now computed at not less than a hundred Thousand, who are chiefly of the Church of England.

This Province must therefore appear much more considerable than Maryland; but as that came first in order, and y.e Agreement betwixt them is so great, we are prevented, by what is already said, from enlarging here in our Description.

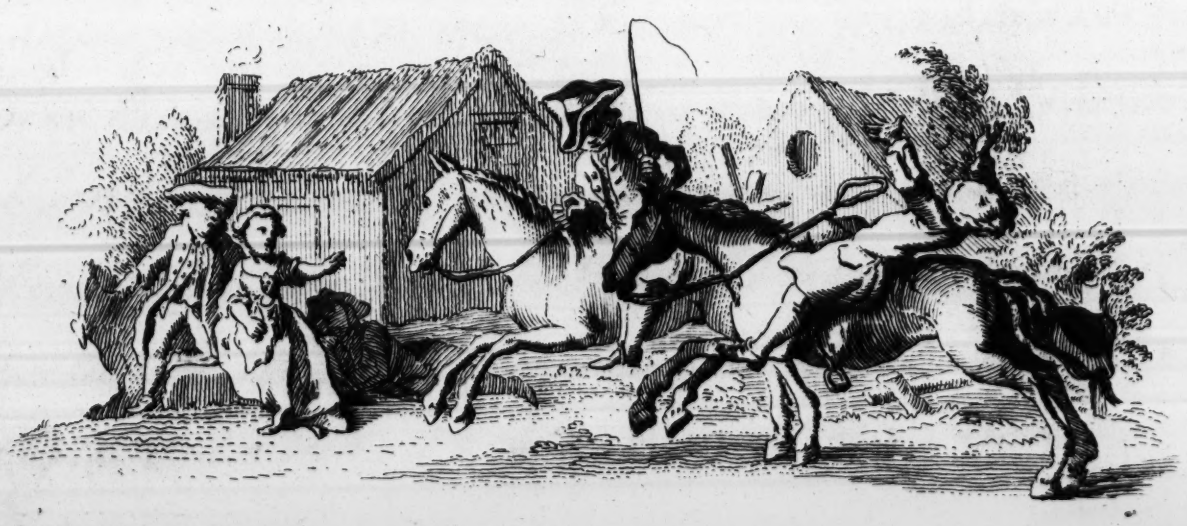
As Virginia, on y.e Mainland side, is parted from Maryland by Patowmack River; it is in y.e Peninsula, on the East of Chesapeak Bay, divided from it by a Line drawn from the Mouth of Pocomoack to the Atlantic Ocean, which is its Eastern Boundary. On the South it has Carolina, and on the West y.e Apalachean Mountains.

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Virginia is divided into 35 Counties, in which are 49 Pariſhes. The chief Towns in ye whole are James Town, & Williamſburgh. Tho' the Name of a City be given to the firſt of theſe, it does not in the whole contain above 60 or 70 Houſes, the chief of which are Taverns & Eating-Houſes for the Conveniency of Travellers. Two or three Forts, and many ſpacious Streets, were laid out in the Original Plan: But Fires, Revolutions in ye Government, ye Diſpoſitions of ye Virginians to live on their Plantations, and the Removal of the Courts of Juſtice to Williamſburgh, have been ye Cauſes of its preſent inconſiderable State. Nor does Williamſburgh thrive better; tho' it has a College, a Play-houſe, and other Publick Buildings, beſides the Courts; for the private Houſes are very few. However, as it ſtands in a healthier Situation than James City, it bids fairer to grow conſiderable when Society may become faſhionable in this Province. The College has been once deſtroyed by Fire, but is now rebuilt, and differs not much in form from Chelſea Hoſpital.

Carolina





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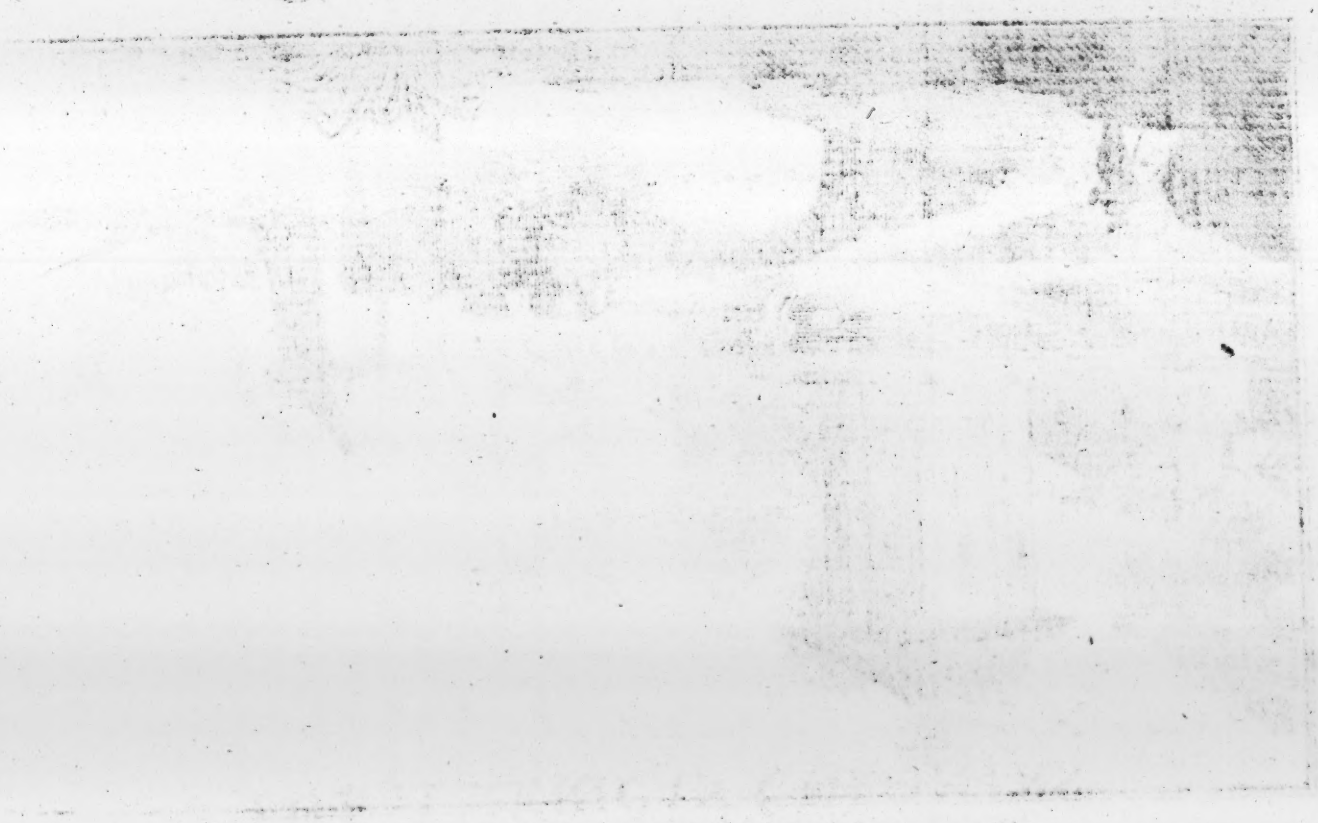
This Province, divided into North & South, is bounded on ye East by the Atlantic Ocean, on the North by Virginia, on ye West by the Cherokee Indians & the Apalachean Mountains, & on ye South by Georgia, which, till ye Reign of his present Majesty, was a Part of it.

Its Rivers, which all fall into ye Atlantic, are numerous, and the greatest Part of ye Coast is covered with Islands & Banks. The Name of Carolina was not given after either of ye Charles's Kings of England, but after Charles IX King of France, in whose Time the French endeavoured to settle here: But they & the Spaniards having alternately expelled each other, ye English were ye first that formed any Thing like a Colony, for which they procured a Charter in 1663. We had also a prior Claim to either ye French or Spaniards, Sebastian Cabot having first discovered this Coast in ye English Service.

Carolina was in ye Hands of the Lords Proprietors till 1728, when a formal Surrender, for a valuable Consideration, was made of their Charter to his Present Majesty, except an eighth Part which the Earl of Granville reserves. Tho' the Original Plan of Government was

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digested by the great Mr. Lock, above 60 Years Experience shewed it would not succeed: But the Country has flourished very much during ye Twenty Years that it has been under the Crown. Its Productions are various, and every Year increasing. Here are Cattle of most of yr European Kinds, besides those that are native. Scarce any Vegetables, either of Europe or America, but thrive here, which is a plain Indication that both yr Air & Soil must be excellent. But yr Culture of Rice, Mulberry Trees for the Silk-worms, and Indico, seem chiefly to engage yr Attention of the Inhabitants. As to the Temperature, this Province has rather a greater Proportion of Heat than of Cold.

Carolina has several Towns more considerable then those of Virginia; but Charles Town is yr most worthy of Notice. The Old Maps shew us a Place of this Name in North Carolina, which doth not at present seem to make any figure. But Charles Town in South Carolina, betwixt Ashley and Cooper Rivers, is a handsome increasing Place, & regularly fortified with Six Bastions. Some Years ago a great Part of it had yr Misfortune to be destroyed by Fire, most of yr Buildings being then of Wood. But it is said since to appear with more Advantage, & to contain at present above 600 Houses.

Georgia.

As this is the most Southerly, so it is yr most Modern, of all the British Settlements on the Continent of North America. It was separated by Charter in 1732 from South Carolina, of which it contains that Part wch lay betwixt the Rivers Savannah and Alatamaha, having Florida on yr South, a short Extent of Coast towards the Sea, and yr Creek Indians, with a vast unknown Tract, on the West. Ogechee is the next considerable River.

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The Climate, Air, Soil, and Produce of Georgia are much ye same as those of Carolina, only the more Southerly Situation must add a little to the Heat. As to Commodities and Manufactures, it cannot be expected that much should yet be said of them. The Settlement and Government are indeed chiefly Military, to form a Barrier against the Spaniards, who made a fruitless Attempt on it in 1742, being repulsed by ye English under General Oglethorpe, & a small Body of Indians under a Son of the famous Tomo-Chichi.

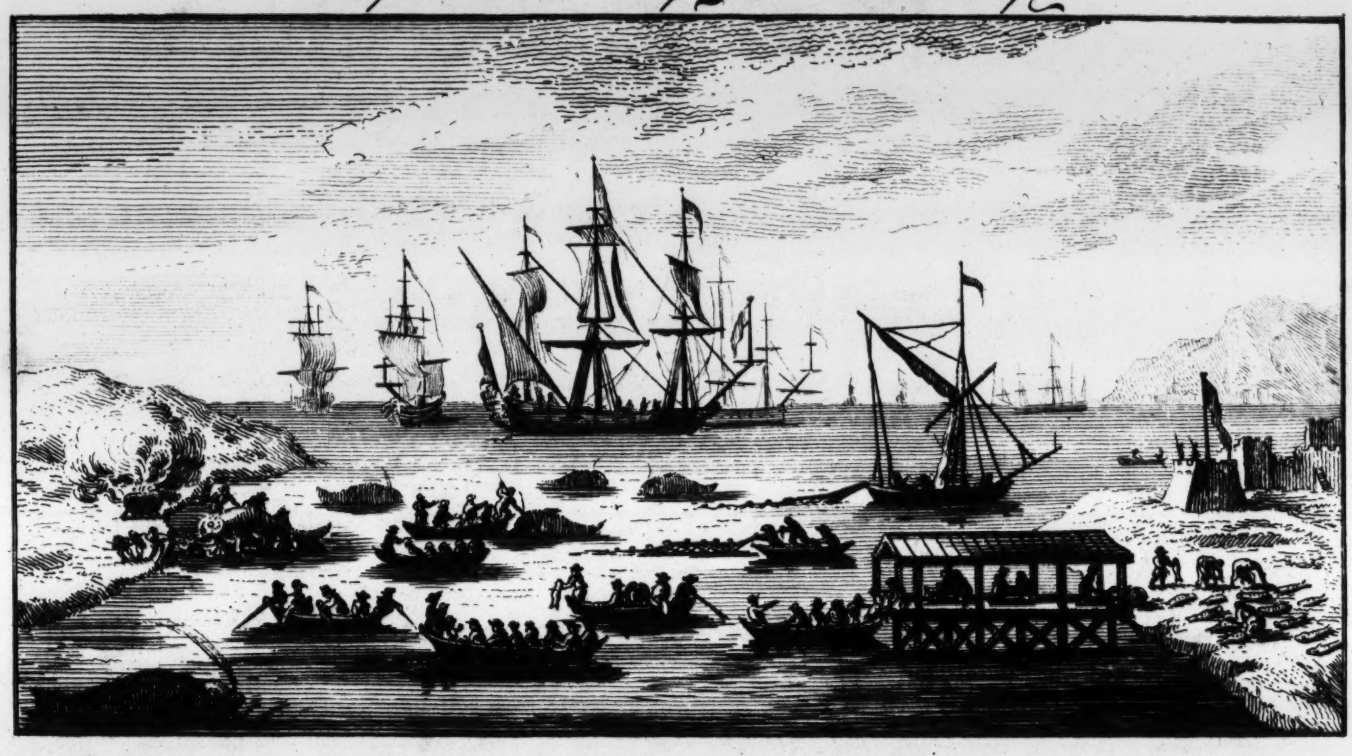
This Tomo-Chichi, with his Wife & Sons, and some other Chiefs, accompanied Mr. Oglethorpe to England in 1734.

Savannah is the Chief Town in Georgia, and had some time ago above 200 Houses, built at regular Distances.

Upon the Purchase of the Property of Carolina by his Majesty, Orders were given for building 11 Towns in Georgia & Carolina, each of which was to have 20,000 Acres of Land square, & to be divided into Shares of 50 Acres. There were many other Particulars in ye Plan, which Posterity, perhaps, may see the Accomplishment of.

We should be blamed were we to quit this Province without taking Notice of the Celebrated Mr. Whitefield's Orphan-House, and the Collections he has made in Support of it in England & elsewhere.

As we know nothing certain of the State of this Foundation, we shall not mention what has been said in Favour or Disfavour of the Project.



Concluſion of the AMERICAN COLONIES.

North of all the other European Settlements in America, a Company of English Merchants have ſeveral Forts and Factories on Hudson's Bay, where they carry on a profitable exclusive Trade in Furs and Skins.

The American Iſlands.

Newfoundland is a large Iſland, famous beyond all others for the Cod-fishery. The ſole Propriety of it, with the Fort of Placentia, was ſurrendered to ye Engliſh by ye Peace of Utrecht.

The Bermudas Iſlands are a ſmall Government about 300 Leagues off the Coaſt of Carolina. They have been famous for the Healthineſs of the Climate, and contain about 5000 White People: but have little Trade or Navigation.

The Bahama or Providence Iſlands form one ſide of the Gulph of Florida. We have a Governor and Company of

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The American Islands.

Soldiers there, rather to protect them from the Spaniards, and prevent their being a Nest of Pyrates, than for any immediate Benefit that accrues from the Posession of them.

Our Sugar Islands are divided into three Governments; Viz. Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, and Barbadoes.

Sugars and Rums are at present the chief Commodities in them all, and we import from them of the former above 80,000 Hogsheads a Year.

Jamaica is a large Island, was taken from ye Spaniards in the time of Cromwell, and contains about 20,000 White People, and 80 or 90,000 Negroes. Kingston and Spanish-Town are its chief Places.

The Leeward Islands, betwixt Porto Rico & Gardaloupe, are chiefly Antegoa, St Christopher's, Nevis, and Montserrat, who have each a Lieutenant Governor under the Governor General at Antegoa. St John's in Antegoa, and Basterre in St Kit's, are the chief Places. The White People are above 10,000, and the Negroes betwixt 70 & 80,000. Anguilla & Barbuda are small & inconsiderable.

Barbadoes alone contains 17,000 White People, and at least 80,000 Negroes. It is extremely well cultivated, and has Bridge Town for the Capital. The Governor is called Governor of St Lucia, St Vincent's and Dominica; but ye Title to these is disputed with us by the French.

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THE Electoral States.

These Dominions, belonging to the King, but not to the Crown of Great Britain, *lie chiefly in the Circle of* Lower Saxony, *betwixt the Rivers* Elbe & Weser. *They are of large Extent, but intermixed on ye South with other States, particularly the Dutchy of* Wolfembuttel, & *the Bishoprick of* Hildesheim. *They are divided into the Dutchies of* Calemberg, *or* Hanover, *in wch. is* Hanover *ye Capital, and* Herrenhausen, *ye King's Residence when in* Germany: Grubenhagen *in which is ye University of* Gottingen; Bremen, Ferden, Saxe Lawenburgh, Lunenburgh, *and* Zell, *with Cities of ye same Names, (but* Bremen *is Free and Imperial;) the Counties of* Danneberg, Hoye, & Diepholt, *all with Towns likewise of the same Names.*

The Bishoprick of Osnaburg, *in* Westphalia, *is enjoyed alternately by a Younger Prince of his Majesty's Family, and an elected Roman Catholic.*

His Majesty's Electoral Revenues, great Part of them from Silver Mines, are computed at betwixt 4 & 500,000 £ *a Year. On these he can keep an Army of above* 20,000 *Men. But of late Years it has been much larger; near that Number having been in the Pay of* Great Britain.

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The African and Indian Settlements.

These Forts and Factories are under the Protection of y Crown, but the Property of the African and Indian Companies, who garison them in their own Names.

The African Company have James Fort on Gambia River. Most of their other Forts, of which the chief is Cape-Coast Castle, lie from West to East on the Coast of Guinea, in about 5 Degrees N. Lat. This Company is at present so low, that it annually applies to Parliament for Money to maintain these Places: But the Trade of Negroes is notwithstanding as great as ever, being chiefly carried on by private Adventurers.

The East India Company, whose Trade is in a very flourishing Condition, have the Island of St. Helena, betwixt Africa & South America, for their Ships to call at in their Passage. In India their chief Settlements are Bombay on the Malabar, and Fort St. George, or Madras, on the Coromandel Coast. A great Number of small Factories depend on these. They have also Fort William upon Hugly River, a

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Branch of the Ganges, and Marlborough Fort, or Bencoolen, on ye Isle of Sumatra. The Company trade besides to Moco in Arabia, Gombroon in Persia, Surat in the Mogul's Dominions, and Canton in China. It is thought ye Profits of this Company are more than a Million Yearly.

The Lists of the Navy, Army, and Publick Offices, which we proposed at first to have added to this Work, are since become so common, and are besides subject to such frequent Variations, that we have been advised by good Judges to omit them. We will only observe in general, that the British Fleet never made a greater Figure than whilst we have been engaged in this Undertaking; nor was the British Army, including Mercenaries, ever more numerous. But were we to attempt Particulars, the Reductions occasioned by the Peace must falsify many of them before they could be exceeded.

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